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Department clarifying rule on immigrants



After two decades of a strict firewall between Los Angeles police and federal immigration authorities, the LAPD is writing new guidelines for officers on how to interpret rules for treating illegal immigrants. The policy, which prevents LAPD officers from inquiring about a person's immigration status, was instituted in 1979 by then-Chief Daryl F. Gates as part of an attempt to encourage illegal immigrants who had witnessed or been victims of crimes to cooperate with police without fear of deportation. But some officers have complained that the policy prevents them from arresting convicted felons who have illegally reentered the United States after being deported to their home countries. The war on terrorism has also forced local police departments to rethink their relationships with federal immigration authorities. In Orange County, officials have debated

whether sheriff's deputies should receive federal training on how to enforce immigration laws. Authorities said felons reentering this country after being deported has become a major problem. Of 680,000 illegal migrants arrested from May through December 2004 by U.S. authorities along the Mexican border, about 30,000 were identified as having criminal records or warrants out on them.

*A group of officers came face to face with a Mara Salvatrucha gang leader walking down the street, Capt. Mike Downing said. The officers believed that the man had been deported after being convicted in a string of violent crimes a few years ago. **There was a debate over what the officers could do. In the end, the LAPD decided to get immigration officials involved.** Immigration and Customs Enforcement determined the man had reentered the United States illegally and received a federal warrant for his arrest.*

Full story: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-order31mar31,0,3757387.story?coll=la-home-headlines>

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Terror: The hunt for Zarqawi's webmasters

Intelligence and law-enforcement agencies are learning that tracking down the operators of Islamic terrorist Web sites is like trying to locate a floating craps game: here today, gone tomorrow. During the past year, investigators in America and Europe watched as a business called 357Hosting, based near Utrecht, the Netherlands, became the officially registered Internet host for several notorious militant Islamic Web pages and bulletin boards, including sites that disseminated videos of beheadings of foreign hostages in Iraq and messages from Qaeda leader Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi.

Full story: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/7305524/site/newsweek/>

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Suspected top aide to al-Zarqawi a U.S. citizen

A suspected senior aide to the head of al Qaeda in Iraq has dual citizenship in the United States and Jordan.

The man, who is in U.S. custody, is considered to have "personal ties" to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. U.S. officials believe he aided the movement of foreign fighters into Iraq, transferred funds to support terrorists and assisted in planning and carrying out kidnappings in Iraq

Full story: <http://edition.cnn.com/2005/WORLD/meast/03/31/zarqawi.aide/>

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Zarqawi Aide Held by U.S. Military in Iraq

http://staging.hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/Z/ZARQAWI_AIDE_CAPTURED?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2005-04-01-08-54-37

Europe's Boys of Jihad

At 13, Salah left Paris for Syria, allegedly to aid insurgents in Iraq. He and others like him represent radical Islam's newer, younger face.

The case file of the French homeboys who joined the Iraqi jihad contains a startling photo. It's the mug shot of Salah, the alleged point man in Damascus, Syria, who authorities say arranged for guns and safe passage into Iraq for extremists from Paris. Salah has a serious expression beneath a short Afro-style haircut. He looks as if he's posing, reluctantly, for a middle school yearbook. When Salah left for Damascus with the jihadis last summer, he was 13 years old. Salah, the son of African immigrants, remains a fugitive two months after police here broke up the alleged terrorist cell. His odyssey is a drastic example of a trend, investigators say: Not only are Islamic extremists in Western Europe radicalizing faster, they are also younger than ever.



Full story: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-kidjihadis2apr02,0,3852038.story>

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ISLAM IN PARIS: Farid Benyettou, (pictured) an Algerian-French street preacher in his early 20s, is suspected of leading a group of young Muslim extremists. Some of his alleged followers fled to the Middle East and are accused of involvement in terrorist activity.

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Silk Road smugglers running radioactive wares



There was a time when this ancient trade route was notorious for opium more than anything else, but international terrorism has changed all that. Soaring mountains provide endless places to hide here. Vast, empty steppes swallow up the sight of a man. And border security is a loose weave of remote guard stations thinly staffed by poorly trained, low-paid forces. Drug smugglers have exploited this Central Asian landscape for years, making the fabled Silk Road a major conduit for opium. Now, political instability is adding to concerns that smugglers may be bringing in something worse -- nuclear material, which terrorists could use for fission weapons or crude "dirty bombs." It's a "new security

threat," the UN Office on Drugs and Crime says.

Full story: <http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/world/archives/2005/04/05/2003249193>

Also see 'hyperlink' descriptions and photographs at <http://studyrussian.com/seidenstrasse/silkroad/>

Revolution echoes around Russia

Kyrgyzstan's people-power revolt spurs others protests against corruption throughout the region.



The shock waves from Kyrgyzstan's lightning revolution are spreading around the former Soviet Union - and into the heart of Russia - leading analysts to wonder which regimes might be next to face the peoples' wrath. Recent days have seen a spate of copycat protests launched by opposition groups that were perhaps hoping their own local authorities might fold and flee under pressure, as did Kyrgyz President Askar Akayev when demonstrators stormed his Bishkek complex last week.



Full story: <http://www.csmonitor.com/2005/0330/p06s01-wosc.html>

What would happen if Russia exploded in protest?



The political upheaval in Kyrgyzstan arrived like another fresh breeze of democracy blowing across the former Soviet republics, one that supporters of democracy in the region hope will also sweep aside the other ossified autocracies that emerged from the Soviet collapse. **It may do the opposite.** For those in power in Central Asia, in the Caucasus, in Belarus and, above all, in Russia, the popular uprisings in Kyrgyzstan and, before that, in Georgia and Ukraine, have provided lessons all right - but ones that may lead to a squelching of embryonic dissent before it spills into the streets.

Full story: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/03/weekinreview/03myer.html?pagewanted=all>

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Commission: Problems plague intelligence community, despite reform efforts

Despite massive efforts at reform, including intelligence overhaul legislation passed late last year, the intelligence community suffers from dangerous ambiguities, unnecessary duplication and bureaucratic infighting, the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction said in its [final report](#). The report makes 74 recommendations, many of which relate to the new national intelligence structure implemented by the 2004 Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, which established a new director of national intelligence to manage the government's 15 intelligence agencies. President Bush has named former Iraqi Ambassador John Negroponte to be the DNI.

Full story: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0305/033105c1.htm>

The Art of Intelligence

This commission does what so many others have done. It tries to reorganize the bureaucratic flow charts to produce better results. **But the problem is not bureaucratic. It's epistemological. Individuals are good at using intuition and imagination to understand other humans.** We know from recent advances in neuroscience, popularized in Malcolm Gladwell's "Blink," that the human mind can perform fantastically complicated feats of subconscious pattern recognition. There is a powerful backstage process we use to interpret the world and the people around us. **When you try to analyze human affairs using a process that is systematic, codified and bureaucratic, as the C.I.A. does, you anesthetize all of these tools.** You don't produce reason - you produce what Irving Kristol called the elephantiasis of reason.

Full story: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/02/opinion/02brooks.html?hp>

Neo-Nazi march in Munich turns violent

On April 2, a neo-Nazi march in Munich turned violent when counter-demonstrators began throwing bottles and rocks at the neo-Nazis. Police officials estimate that approximately 6,000 counter-demonstrators, including anarchists, radical leftist activists and students, rallied against the neo-Nazis. Munich city officials deployed approximately 1,300 police officers to the city center in the attempt to prevent the march from attracting violence.

COMMENT:

Neo-Nazis associated with the far-right National Democratic Party (NPD) participated in the march while a number of anti-fascist groups organized the counter-rallies. Several of the German government's attempts to ban the NPD have failed in the past several months, which has led to further tensions between members of opposition parties and other activists who consider the political party a neo-Nazi organization.

Militant trained in Syria

A Hamas member admitted he received military training at a Hamas camp in Syria. Osama Mattar, 20, told the Associated Press in a jailhouse interview that he received training at a Hamas base outside Damascus earlier this year.

Full Story: <http://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/articles/2005/03/31/news/israel/07syria0401.txt>

COMMENT:

The interview, conducted under the eye of Israeli security officials, is part of an Israeli campaign to **demonstrate the depth of Syrian support to Palestinian terrorist groups.** Israel has repeatedly warned that

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Damascus is funding and training militant groups and threatened to strike terrorist training bases in Syria if these militants stage attacks in Israel. During the last two years, Israeli agents assassinated one Hamas leader and nearly assassinated another - both times using booby trapped cars - in Damascus and attacked an Islamic Jihad training base outside Damascus. While another Israeli action is not likely so long as Syria remains under intense international pressure to withdraw from Lebanon, attacks may take place after the troop withdrawal is completed.

Drug dealer gives FBI cocaine trade details

He is key witness against man accused of laundering profits

A dealer who supplied drugs that were the lifeblood of the infamous Traveling Vice Lords street gang has become a key witness against a car dealer accused of laundering millions of dollars in gang drug profits, according to court records. Amir Hosseini, a North Side car dealer, was among four charged with laundering \$9 million in drug profits for the city's largest street gangs by selling them hundreds of luxury cars and hiding the cash transactions from the IRS.

Full story: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-0504030085apr03.1.296562.story?coll=chi-newslocalchicago-hed>

Animal rights groups and ecology militants make DHS terrorist list, right-wing vigilantes omitted

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not list right-wing domestic terrorists and terrorist groups on a document that appears to be an internal list of threats to the nation's security. According to the list between now and 2011 DHS expects to contend primarily with adversaries such as al Qaeda and other foreign entities affiliated with the Islamic Jihad movement, as well as domestic radical Islamist groups. It also lists left-wing domestic groups, such as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), as terrorist threats, but it does not mention anti-government groups, white supremacists and other radical right-wing movements, which have staged numerous terrorist attacks that have killed scores of Americans. Recent attacks on cars, businesses and property in Virginia, Oregon and California have been attributed to ELF. James O. Ellis III, a senior terror researcher for the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), said in a telephone interview Friday that whereas left-wing groups, which have been more active recently, have focused mainly on the destruction of property, right-wing groups have a much deadlier and more violent record and should be on the list. "The nature of the history of terrorism is that you will see acts in the name of [right-wing] causes in the future."

Full story: http://www.cq.com/corp/show.do?page=crawford/20050325_homeland

Six Iraqis arrested near U.S. border

INM agents at the Mexicali International Airport in Mexicali, Baja California, arrested Iraqi citizens Yacer Yoser HANA aka Richard RCHTERS [sic], Basam KIRYAKOUS aka Mike LEEWEN, Basam Toma JOU aka Jan Pieter DRIJFHOUT, and Sabhan KAMEL aka Robert SHURMAN and U.S. citizen Alya Kiryakous Dawood SAKO. They had arrived on Mexicana flight 430 from the Federal District. The four Iraqis had altered Dutch passports. Initially, Sako also claimed to be Dutch. She was conditionally released. Soldiers at the military checkpoint on the Mexicali-San Luis Río Colorado Federal Highway in Sonora arrested Iraqi citizens Faris Shamon JAJOO aka Stefanos DELIOGLANIS and Dimitris ZELOS, who were traveling aboard a passenger bus headed to Mexicali, Baja California. They were carrying altered Greek passports.

Translated from 29 March 2005 Sources: <http://www.pgr.gob.mx>, <http://www.reforma.com/nacional/articulo/509842/> and http://www.notimex.com.mx/restringido/indexmex.php?going_to=noticiamex.php¬icia_id=1370815&c

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Rebel Attacks Cause Massive Blackouts

Rebel attacks, directed at the power infrastructure, caused widespread blackouts in Colombia's northeastern departments of Arauca, Boyaca and Norte de Santander April 4. Authorities say that it will take them at least until April 7 to normalize the electricity situation in the region.

COMMENT:

Northeastern Colombia, particularly the province of Arauca, remains one of the most heavily contested regions in Colombia; both leftist rebel and right-wing paramilitary armed groups are active in the region. Additional attacks are possible.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 "National Preparedness" (HSPD-8)

The purpose of HSPD-8 is to "establish policies to strengthen the preparedness of the United States to prevent and respond to threatened or actual domestic terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies by requiring a **national domestic all-hazards preparedness goal**, establishing mechanisms for improved delivery of Federal preparedness assistance to State and local governments, and outlining actions to strengthen preparedness capabilities of Federal, State, and local entities."

Visit the HSPD-8 Overview page at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm>

*Also see the **Capabilities-Based Planning Tools, Fact Sheets, Documents and Links***

DHS issues plan for national preparedness

The Homeland Security Department on Friday released a plan to help federal agencies, state and local governments, private companies and nongovernment organizations achieve a consistent level of national preparedness. "The goal is an overarching statement of strategic intent. It demonstrates our national will to work toward establishing overall readiness against current and future threats." The seven priorities are: initiate the DHS National Incident Management System and National Response Plan; expand regional collaboration; implement the DHS Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan; fortify information sharing and collaboration capabilities; improve interoperable communications; strengthen the ability to detect and respond to chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear and explosive weapons; and strengthen medical surge capabilities. Beginning in fiscal 2006, the department expects state governments to update their homeland security preparedness strategies to reflect how they are addressing the seven national priorities in order to receive further federal assistance.

Full story: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0405/040405c1.htm>

Passports for Mexico, Canada trips



Americans will need passports to re-enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, Panama and Bermuda by 2008, part of a tightening of U.S. border controls in an era of terrorist threat. Until now, Americans returning home from Canada have needed only to show a driver's license or other government-issued photo identification card.

Full story:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/04/05/national/main685698.shtml>

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COMMENT:

Passports will be the preferred document for entry or re-entry into the U.S. However, other documents currently being considered as acceptable are the Border Crossing Card, (BCC or "laser visa" used by citizens of Mexico) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued documentation used for the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI), NEXUS and Free and Secure Trade (FAST) programs. Other and possibly new forms of identification may be considered.

For more program details see: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4435>

And <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4434>

Feds uncloak the Patriot Act

Police invoked the Patriot Act when surreptitiously entering and searching a home or office without notifying the owner 108 times during a 22-month period, according to a one-page summary released by the Justice Department late Monday. On Tuesday, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales told the Senate that police have employed secret court orders to obtain records 35 times so far. Both Gonzales and FBI Director Robert Mueller on Tuesday warned the Senate that the expiring portions of the law must be renewed. Even though Gonzales said he was "open to any ideas that may be offered for improving these provisions," he stressed that any changes should be modest. *(See hyperlinks in both articles for more topic details)*

Full story: http://news.com.com/Patriot+Acts+secret+searches+used+108+times/2100-1030_3-5655112.html

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<http://www.nci.org/nuketerror.htm>

Visit the following link for additional information

Are "Dirty Bombs" a Major Terrorism Risk?

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