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# THE GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE FILES

On Monday February 27th, 2012, WikiLeaks began publishing *The Global Intelligence Files*, over five million e-mails from the Texas headquartered "global intelligence" company Stratfor. The e-mails date between July 2004 and late December 2011. They reveal the inner workings of a company that fronts as an intelligence publisher, but provides confidential intelligence services to large corporations, such as Bhopal's Dow Chemical Co., Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and government agencies, including the US Department of Homeland Security, the US Marines and the US Defence Intelligence Agency. The emails show Stratfor's web of informers, pay-off structure, payment laundering techniques and psychological methods.

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Iraqi Kurdish press highlights 25 May 10

Aso, Kirkuk, Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) funded daily newspaper in Sorani Kurdish

1. Report: Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Ministry of Martyrs and Anfal Affairs' consultant Kamil Qadir says in coordination with Iraqi government they will start digging up Hamren area mass graves next month. (200 words, pp 1, 2)

2. Report: KRG builds two exemplary schools in Kirkuk city. (50 words, p 1)

3. Feature: Deputy head of PUK's election institution Sleman Mustafa says 260 cadres have filled in candidacy forms for PUK Leadership Committee posts; head of PUK's election institution Shorish Isma'il says most incumbent Leadership Committee members running again for their positions. (600 words, pp 1, 6)

4. Interview with KRG Health Minister Tahir Hawrami: Says there are flaws in Kurdistan Region's health care system; KRG has signed contracts with foreign companies to find suitable mechanisms to deal with the issues; adds that there were 70 cases of AIDS disease in Kurdistan Region, of which 64 were foreigners and were deported to their countries, and six of them were Kurds. (900 words, pp 1, 8)

5. Commentary by Soran Ali entitled "Iraq without government": Believes that delay in forming Iraqi government damages all Iraqi people; winning lists do not take practical steps to rescue the country from its crisis; praises Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's attempt to

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help form Iraqi government. (150 words, p 2)

6. Report: KRG spokesman Kawa Mahmud says administrative empowerment of governorates, district and subdistrict towns will be discussed in today's meeting of Council of Ministers. (100 words, p 2)

7. Report: Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) disqualifies two newly elected Iraqi candidates. (150 words, p 2)

8. Part seven of commentary by Arif Qurbani entitled "Some words before conference, change conference": Believes that forthcoming PUK conference is an answer to those who were saying after separation of opposition Change List from PUK that the party cannot get on its feet and hold a conference again; PUK has two options now - either staying as it is or creating change in the leadership and mentality; adds that the conference should be the one that creates positive change. (350 words, p 3)

9. Report: Ninawa Governorate Council member on Kurdish Ninawa Brotherhood list Majdal Amin says Sunni Arab list and his list do not accept each other's conditions; adds that forthcoming meetings may not bring desired results. (200 words, p 4)

10. Report: Kurdish Institute of Human Rights prepares code of conduct for electronic media in Kurdistan Region. (100 words, p 4)

11. Report: Kurdistan Region parliament approves independent committee of human rights bill; head of Human Right Committee in parliament Salar Mahmud says the newly formed committee will monitor human right situation in Kurdistan Region. (400 words, p 6)

12. Commentary by Adallat Abdallah entitled "How could you breach code of conduct?": Criticizes presence of clique inside PUK, saying some members leave their positions and serve cliquishness after the party's conference; describes clique as breaking the party's code of conduct. (500 words, pp 10, 11)

13. Commentary by Farman Uthman entitled "Independent committee of human right bill and some suggestions": Praises forming of independent committee of human rights by parliament; the committee should benefit from assets of disbanded human right ministry; head of the committee should have the rank of a minister; an allowance should be provided for the committee's members to encourage them to undertake their duties better. (800 words, pp 10, 11)

14. Commentary by Edris Ibrahim entitled "Bouquet policy and fear": Believes that PUK should set a strong strategy to stand against its opponents in the region and Iraq; PUK leader Talabani's bouquet policy should include Change Movement as well, as there is common revolution between them; adds that Talabani should visit Change Movement and open doors for dialogue between the two. (250 words, p 11)

Midya, Arbil, weekly newspaper in Sorani Kurdish published by Kurdistan National Democratic Party

1. Feature: Says Sulaymaniyah and Arbil security, and financial auditing offices, have not been merged yet; head of Sulaymaniyah Security Office Qadir Hama-Jan says government and parliament are entitled to decide on the offices' unification. (250 words, p 1)

2. Feature: According to information obtained by Midya, Iraqi former Ba'thists who took refuge in Syria consider Al-Iraqiyah List as the political current of the banned Ba'th Party in Iraq; a group of those figures organized a celebration in Damascus last week in which they considered Al-Iraqiyah's success as theirs. (700 words, pp 1, 14)

3. Report: Spokesman for PKK Ahmet Deniz says Turkish army launched military operation against their forces 10 days ago; anonymous source says dozens of Israeli soldiers have joined Turkish army in the operation. (250 words, p 1)

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4. Feature: Commenting on the party's forthcoming conference, former member of Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) Leadership Committee Mamosta Goran says PUK's golden era has passed away and the party becomes small and smaller progressively. (700 words, pp 1, 3)

5. Report: As many as 180 of Iraqi army's Kurdish soldiers and officers have left the army in Mosul as their companies transferred to Baghdad. (240 words, p 2)

6. Feature: On the Iraqi President Jalal Talabani's invitation, Iraqi winning lists convened in Baghdad; Kurdistan Region opposition Change Moment, Kurdistan Islamic Union (KIU), Kurdistan Islamic Group (KIG) express concern over their exclusion from the invitation list. (600 words, p 3)

7. Report: Iraqi Kurdish MP Mahmud Uthman says Kurds do not prefer Allawi to Al-Maliki or vice versa; Kurdistan Region President Mas'ud Barzani's statement did not mean to disregard Al-Maliki in formation of the government. (100 words, p 3)

8. Commentary by Salar Baba-Shaykh entitled "Barzani took a stance late": Believes that Kurdistan Region President Mas'ud Barzani should have taken a stance against the kidnap and killing of journalist Sardasht Uthman earlier so as not to give opportunity to others to destroy the recent strong relations built between Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and Change Movement; believes that a hidden hand - probably an outside one - might be behind the killing in order to damage that relationship. (400 words, p 5)

9. Commentary by Hawre Bakhawan: Believes that KDP put itself in the defence bunker against accusations brought against it by Change Movement with regard to Sardasht Uthman's case; describes the KDP's statement as a political mistake; says KDP played as both government as the party in Arbil - which, he says, is wrong. (400 words, p 6)

10. Interview with Editor-in-Chief of Wisha Company's Rozhnama weekly newspaper Azad Chalak: Says Change Movement did not want to reply to accusations brought against its leaders since it did not serve the objectives of the movement, which are the public interests; adds that if KDP media behaviour was correct, the party's leader would not have stopped it. (700 words, p 7)

11. Analysis by Amanj Mahmud says the halting of the media war between Change and KDP is temporary; believes PUK is behind the tension that escalated between those two parties; says KDP asked Talabani not to invite Change Movement to Baghdad winning lists' meeting. (900 words, p 8)

12. Interview with Kurdish prominent poet Sherko Bekas: Says he always supports journalists and freedom of expression; encourages journalists to do their jobs impartially and professionally; adds that politicizing Sardasht Uthman's case will not serve the case and journalists. (700 words, p 9)

13. Feature: One of those prisoners who were freed from Mansha Al-Kindi Prison in Mosul says they faced various tortures and some of them were obliged to say they were terrorist group members under duress. (600 words, p 14)

Awene, Sulaymaniyah, privately-owned weekly newspaper in Sorani Kurdish

1. Report: Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) veteran cadre Khabat Abdallah suggests sending most of the party's Leadership Committee members home in a bid to pave the way for the new generation to come to hold power inside the party. (1200 words, pp 1, 6)

2. Report: Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) reshuffles posts of its branches' heads in Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah and Khanaqin. (110 words, p 1)

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3. Report: A legal source says that the committee designated to probe into case of killing of Kurdish journalist Sardasht Uthman is a secret committee and no one has any knowledge about it. (200 words, p 1)

4. Interview with Kurdistan Islamic Group (KIG) leader Ali Bapir: Says that the forthcoming convention of the his party will take the task of reviewing the party's work in the past; adds that he is not keen to nominate himself as a candidate to preside over the party and wishes that another member of the party will become the leader; rules out existence of any disputes and disagreements with Kurdistan Islamic Union (KIU) and says there is only political competition between the two parties. (450 words, p 3)

5. Interview with PUK Leadership Committee member Arif Rushdi: Says the PUK has prepared well for the forthcoming convention and it has formed a committee to make preparations since last year; downplays importance of cliquishness inside PUK and says such appearances exist inside even a family; adds that all members of the convention are free to become candidates for the next PUK Leadership Committee. (600 words, p 4)

6. Interview with KIU Political Bureau member Mawlud Bawa Murad: Says that there is no rivalry and dispute inside KIU Political Bureau, but there are different views on the way the party performs its political work; adds that he was unaware of the statement the party's Organization Bureau has issued against Weran Magazine over desecration of Islam; believes that there will be changes of the posts of heads of KIU bureaus after the party's conference. (700 words, p 4)

7. Commentary by Kamyar Sabir entitled: "Stances on freedom and killing of Sardasht": Criticizes some Kurdish writers and journalists for their silence towards killing of journalist Sardasht Uthman and accuses them of being affiliated with ruling parties in the region; believes that killing of Sardasht Uthman was an insult to Kurdistan Region president if the latter was unaware of his party's action of killing that journalist. (600 words, p 13)

8. Commentary by Sarbaz Abd al-Rahman entitled "Irresponsible media in the margin of killing Sardasht": criticizes those journalists who rushed into judging on the case of killing Kurdish journalist Sardasht Uthman by accusing particular parties of being behind the killing of that journalist without having any evidence on the matter; believes that there is no law that authorizes journalists to become judges. (400 words, p 13)

9. Commentary by Mustafa Ali entitled "KDP and its robots": Believes that KDP has a media which is full of journalists who work like robots and receive orders from above and carrying out them without thinking; adds that such robots are only concerned with material privileges and are not concerned about Kurdistan Region's and its people's destinies; criticizes those journalists for their role in beautifying authority and escaping from facts and moral responsibilities. (500 words, p 20)

Rozhnama, Sulaymaniyah, weekly paper of opposition Change Movement's Wisha media Company in Sorani Kurdish

1. Report: Ruling Kurdistan List MPs from the committee to defend women's rights in the regional parliament reject a draft bill proposed by Change List to provide assurance to housewives. (650 words, pp 1,14)

2. Report: Kurdistan Region parliament to give 40,000 dollars to MPs to buy personal cars; some opposition MPs describe the move as an act of wasting public money. (650 words, pp 1, 4)

3. Editorial by Rozhnama entitled: "Change Movement and media war!": Criticizes Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) leader (and President of Iraq) Jalal Talabani for praising Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) over issuing a statement against Change Movement and free media recently; adds that Talabani is the Iraqi president and mediates between Arab chauvinist groups in Baghdad while doing the opposite in Kurdistan Region. (600 words, p 2)

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4. Report: Kurdistan Islamic Union (KIU) to announce changes in the party's positions and political stances in line with the union's recent conference recommendations. (140 words, p 2)
  5. Report: Member of the week campaign of "We will not Stay Silent" Shorish Amin says they jointly held that campaign with civil society organizations impartially to protest over the killing of a journalist Sardasht Uthman; adds that they did not accuse anybody of being the murderer. (100 words, p 2)
  6. Report: Regional parliament was instructed by Kurdistan Region President Mas'ud Barzani to form a committee to probe into the case of the opposition MP Adnan Uthman's statement on peshmerga which was interpreted as an insult against peshmerga, but the parliament has not formed the committee yet. (400 words, p 3)
  7. Report: Journalist Niyaz Abdallah describes the Public Prosecution Institution as weak and not being able to probe the case of the killing of Sardasht Uthman. (170 words, p 3)
  8. Feature: Says Sulaymaniyah and Arbil security offices are fighting to prove the legitimacy of their work and parliament does not dare to say that neither of them is legal. (500 words, p 4)
  9. Feature: Figures from Change Movement, KIU and Kurdistan Islamic Group (KIG) are quoted as criticizing KDP media performance with regard to the killing of Sardasht Uthman and escalating tension between KDP and Change. (700 words, p 5)
  10. Feature: Says that during talking to many ordinary people and civil society activists in Arbil, it has been obvious that people are angry at the authorities but they do not dare to talk and identify themselves. (600 words, p 6)
  11. Feature: Says killing of journalist Sardasht Uthman in Arbil has damaged Kurdistan Region's reputation internationally; it has sullied the region's image to the foreign investors. (600 words, p 6)
  12. Feature: Several Kurdistan Region journalists are quoted as ascribing the reasons behind increasing violence against journalists to the government's indifference to implementing the region's journalism law. (700 words, p 7)
  13. Interview with US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Jeffrey D. Feltman: says they want murderers of Sardasht Uthman to be arrested and tried; Iraqi government formation should be done by its leaders in line with constitution. (700 words, p 8)
  14. Feature: Interior committee in the regional parliament visits Sulaymaniyah Governorate Council to study the issues raised between the council and government; head of the council Kawa Abdallah says the issues have not been resolved yet and there is a legal gap as the council describes appointing a governor without referring to them as illegal. (600 words, pp 8, 9)
  15. Interview with winning Iraqi parliamentary candidate on Change List Sardar Abdallah: underestimates the importance of Jalal Talabani not inviting his list to Baghdad; adds that Iraqi issues cannot be resolved at a dining table; says there is no justification for the Kurdish delegation not going to Baghdad to participate in the political bargaining. (700 words, p 9)
  16. Report: Delegation of Kurdish businessmen is to arrive in Paris to talk to French companies, to participate in reconstructing the region. (160 words, p 14)
  17. Feature: Says continual bombing of Kurdistan Region bordering areas has pushed people of those areas to leave their villages; in a statement, Kurdistan Region presidency condemns the bombing. (500 words,

18. Feature: Regional opposition MP on Change List Paymani Iz-al-Din says the draft bill on formation of human rights commission is the same as the disbanded ministry of human right; some other MPs express their concerns over the capability of the commission to work without partiality. (500 words, p 18)

19. Commentary by the Editor-in-Chief Azad Chalak entitled "Sardasht lessons": Believes that the killing of Sardasht has taught a lesson to his family and friends - that he was much greater than they expected; it also told his murderers that their calculations were wrong, since they could not silence supporters of freedom of expression in the region but encouraged them to perform better than before. (400 words, p 21)

20. Commentary by head of Change bloc in the regional parliament Kwestan Muhammad entitled "Tears of an old man": Tells story of an old man who visited her deploring assistance to determine the fate of his disappeared son who was allegedly arrested by PUK security forces; says although many similar cases of the cadres of the two ruling parties have not been resolved yet, the MPs of those parties did not vote for the recently formed human rights commission article with regard to following up those cases. (420 words, p 21)

21. Commentary by Sirwan Rashid: Criticizes regional MPs who asked for money to buy personal cars; adding that most Kurdish families live under the poverty line, so MPs should not accept the wasting of public money and instead they should be concerned about their people. (400 words, p 24)

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