

Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Reports, 1941-1996

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— Julie Linden, Government Information Librarian, Yale University

Overview

The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Report has been the United States’ principal historical record of political open-source intelligence for more than half a century. The original mission of the FBIS was to monitor, record, transcribe and translate intercepted radio broadcasts from foreign governments, official news services, and clandestine broadcasts from occupied territories. Providing a wealth of information from all countries outside of the U.S.—from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, the FBIS Daily Reports are an indispensable source for insights into decades of turbulent world history.

Firsthand reports of events as they occurred

FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1996, constitutes a one-of-a-kind archive of transcripts of foreign broadcasts and news that provides fascinating insight into the second half of the 20th century. Many of these materials are firsthand reports of events as they occurred. Digitized from original paper copy and high-quality microfilm, this definitive online collection features full-text transcripts from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, China, Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the Soviet Union. Fully searchable for the first time, this unique digital collection features individual bibliographic records for each report and highlighted events to assist researchers.

Translated materials form a distinctive English-language resource

Without translations, researchers must limit their research projects to primary sources in languages they understand or rely entirely on secondary sources. Translated as needed, these English-language materials—the vast majority of which originated in other languages—constitute a vital resource for students of international and area studies, political science and world history.

A complete online collection

Available in a single, complete online collection, *FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1996*, may also be acquired in three segments. *FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1974*, covers topics related to World War II and the Axis alliance, the new Islamic countries of the Middle East, colonialism in Africa, the Cold War, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, East-West interaction and much more. *FBIS Daily Reports, 1974-1996*, which is composed of eight individually available modules, provides reports on such topics as the peace agreement between Egypt and Israel, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, student takeover of Tiananmen Square, opening of Berlin Wall, freeing of Nelson Mandela, Persian Gulf War and much more. Finally, *FBIS Daily Report Annexes*, which were “For Official Use Only,” provides more than 7,000 previously unavailable reports.



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