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CONTINUING RESEARCH

1. *Update: 'Grand Jury Resistance Training' in Pittsburgh*

New anarchist communications provide updated information about the Pennsylvania leg of what is known as a Conspiracy Tour, part of what the radical anarchist group **CRIMETHINC.** is planning as "a decentralized convergence" late July and throughout August.[1] As of this bulletin, the Conspiracy Tour will include:

- "Grand Jury Resistance Training!" on 30 July 2010 in Pittsburgh (623 Kirtland St. Point Breeze)
- An undefined "Tour Stop!" on 31 July 2010 at the Union Project (801 North Negley Ave.) in Pittsburgh
- Another, as-yet undefined stop on 3 August 2010 in Philadelphia, at Wooden Shoe Books (704 South St.)

CrimethInc. is encouraging anarchists in North America to take any action they feel will be effective in order to make the anarchist presence felt in their respective local areas during the "decentralized convergence." Anarchist communications are continuously monitored for further planned "actions," dates and locations relevant to Pennsylvania. Situational awareness is recommended throughout the next two months at those sites that have previously been targeted by anarchist activity. (PIB No. 103)

[1] www.crimethinc.com

2. ***Anti-Fascist 'Call to Action', Conference in July 2010***

A Portland, Oregon, branch of the radical, international anti-fascist organization known as **ANTIFA** has issued a nationwide "call to action" for 31 July 2010.[2] Antifa and the **ANTI-RACIST ACTION** (**ARA**) network are calling for various types of actions and multiple venues.[3] Broad situational awareness is recommended regarding any upcoming demonstrations by groups deemed "fascist" (e.g., Tea Party, militia, Christian conservative, etc.), "racist" (Ku Klux Klan, White Power, Skinhead, etc.) or "anti-choice" (any Christian pro-life groups) by supporters of the ARA or Antifa. (PIB No. 111)

3. ***Keystone United and the Euro-American Heritage Fest, Moosic, PA***

Radical White nationalists are promoting an event called the Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 (AKA European American Heritage Celebration).[4] It is slated to take place on 14 August 2010 "in the Scranton area," according to promotional communications. The Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 has been publicized on racist forums. Potential violence due to excessive alcohol consumption, clashes with anti-racist protesters or with police would not necessarily be limited to the Fest fairgrounds (possibly Public Square in Wilkes-Barre) and may be triggered in any of the surrounding areas. (PIB No. 111)

4. ***Increasing and Expanding Focus on Marcellus Shale***

There are positive indicators of growing support among anarchists (e.g., **NORTH EAST ANARCHIST NETWORK**[5] and **EARTH FIRST!**[6] for actions targeting organizations involved in or facilitating drilling in the Marcellus Shale regions.[7] Eco-terror, lone-wolves or organized environmental militant cells may thus be inspired in the coming months to execute significant "direct actions" targeting Marcellus Shale drilling operations. Based on the increase in risk indicators, heightened situational awareness is recommended for all Pennsylvania drilling projects. (PIB Nos. 104 and 112)

5. ***Anarchy Summer Camp in August 2010***

Communications in Philadelphia-centered anarchist forums include calls for attendance at the "Anarchy Summer Camp," 6-9 August 2010, in order to "prepare for the upcoming International Monetary Fund demonstrations this fall." There has been an escalation in rhetoric and tactics among anarchist and far-left groups for more than a year, including arson, bombings, vandalism and "direct action." Further acts of anarchist terrorism and vandalism, inspired by the Toronto G20 "actions;" the *Trois-Rivières*, Quebec, bombing and this Anarchy Summer Camp can be expected throughout North America in the near-term. Military recruitment centers, police, banks and multi-national companies in Pennsylvania - specifically in

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[2] http://antifa.fr/worldwide
[3] http://antiracist.org
[4] http://eahf.org
[5] http://neanarchist.net
[6] http://www.earthfirst.org
[7] http://geology.com/articles/marcellus-shale.shtml

areas of significant anarchist activity - are advised to increase situational awareness. (PIB nos. 94, 107 and 108)

6. ***Al-Qa'ida Continues Focus on English-Language Audience***

AL-QA'IDA, through one of its most active branches, **AL-QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (**AQAP**), last month decided to expand its outreach further into the English-speaking world with its first official magazine in English. This week, AQAP issued a text excerpt from the magazine by its American rising star, Anwar Al-Awlaki, as well as a new Awlaki audio recording (in Arabic). The combination of motivational texts and videos, religious sermons and practical lessons in *jihad*, all in English or by American jihadists, has the potential to be a significant factor in *Al-Qa'ida*'s efforts to recruit lone-wolf terrorists (as well as more serious individuals) in English-speaking circles. (PAIB No. 106)

7. ***PrideFest in Harrisburg, Celebration in Reading***

On 24 July 2010, a LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender, "Gay pride") parade and subsequent festival, PrideFest, are scheduled in Harrisburg. On 18 July 2010, the Reading Pride Celebration is slated to be held in Centre Park, Reading. There are increasing indications of focused, anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and right-wing militia supporters. Analysts and researchers are continuously monitoring sources for details on protest/counter-protest activities. (PAIB No. 105)

8. ***'Escalate Resistance' to Arizona's New Immigration Law***

Referring to Arizona's new immigration legislation, anarchists' and immigrants' rights activists are preparing to "peacefully escalate resistance to SB1070."

- The radical **STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY** (**SDS**) organization is planning what they have called an "Arizona Freedom Summer" 23 July-5 August 2010, focused on bringing activists to Arizona for the designated time period.[8] Although there are no current indications, it is likely some SDS activities may occur on Pennsylvania community college and university campuses.

- Anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities" when the law goes into effect on 29 July 2010.

- Well-known minority community leaders warned that unidentified "activists" are willing to commit acts of "civil disobedience" to fight the law.

Opponents of the law in Pennsylvania may target visiting Arizona VIP, delegations or Arizona-related events with protests or "direct action" in the coming weeks and months, including Diamondback baseball games in Philadelphia in late July and in Pittsburgh in September 2010. Counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters; this will likely require local law enforcement intervention. (PAIB Nos. 98, 102 and 106)

[8] http://www.studentsforademocraticsociety.org

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: CHEMICAL; ENERGY; NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE; AND POSTAL AND SHIPPING

9. ***Stolen Explosives and Domestic Threats***

In the wake of the 16 July 2010 car bombing targeting Mexican police and first responders in *Ciudad Juárez* (PIB No. 113), Spanish graffiti taunts of additional car bombs aimed at the FBI and DEA have been spotted in the same area.

Also reported in the media, the Juarez vehicle-borne, improvised, explosive device (VBIED) employed the industrial explosive, Tovex. An American official noted that explosives and other volatile materiel such as Tovex have been stolen from private industrial plants, warehouses and transportation vehicles in Mexico.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Mexico

One of the cartels involved in the rapidly escalating violence in Mexico is ***LOS ZETAS***, a gang founded by renegade Mexican elite soldiers. The cartel has been accused of plotting to blow up the Falcon Dam.[9]

While narco-terrorist gangs primarily target law enforcement officers, Mexican civilians have also been targeted for extortion and they have regularly fallen victim as incidental casualties.

University of Pittsburgh students studying abroad at *Tecnologico de Monterrey*, in Mexico's volatile Nuevo Leon state (battleground for some of Mexico's deadliest gangs) are advised to heighten situational awareness for anything unusual in their surroundings, from abandoned bags and illegally parked cars through incongruous behaviors. Particularly at risk are areas in the vicinity of Mexican security forces' facilities or personnel.

Tactics

The latest revelations regarding the source of the explosives used in the *Ciudad Juárez* car bombing are indications of potential risk factors in CONUS, as well.

Terrorists of all varieties regularly learn from criminal enterprises and methods, and vice-versa. Various covert attempts to obtain explosives or ingredients for making explosives in the US have been uncovered in terrorism-related cases in recent years. However, the relative success of the Mexican narco-terrorists in stealing explosives and deploying them against law enforcement targets may serve as tactical inspiration for both criminal and jihadist terrorists in CONUS.

[9] http://www.ibwc.state.gov/Organization/Operations/Field_Offices/Falcon.html

Considering the above incidents, Pennsylvania firms that regularly transport, store or use potentially explosive materials should be aware of an expanding danger of theft, either through infiltration of facilities or interception of company transportation vehicles. (*Additional related indicators of the risk from peroxide-based IED are mentioned below.*)

Sector: Government Facilities

10. ***Rally in the Heart of EDL Country***

As has been occurring frequently in recent months, the far-right English Defence League (EDL) is to hold another rally (PAIB Nos. 94, 98 and 99).[10] This event is scheduled for 22 July 2010 and is to be held in Luton, the birthplace of the movement.

Anti-fascist and anarchist activists are organizing a counter-demonstration as well. As one of their calls to action states: "[The EDL] have been chased out of Harrow and East London, however, and we can chase them out of Luton."

Many rallies like the planned Luton event are met with counter-protests by left-wing, Muslim and anti-fascist groups opposed to the various British "Defence League" branches. On Saturday (17 July 2010) in Dudley, an EDL protest against a local mosque construction project ended in violent incidents involving both EDL members and Muslim counter-protesters.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

The EDL, anti-Islam rallies have lately been joined by violent soccer hooligan gangs as well as neo-Nazi and racist, skinhead contingents. For its part, the EDL has made great efforts to publicize a non-racist and non-anti-Semitic agenda through YouTube and blog communications. Nonetheless, such racist and thuggish gangs have been willing to travel significant distances to join previous EDL rallies in expectation of mob violence.

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in the many exchange programs in the United Kingdom (such as through the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to avoid visiting Luton Thursday afternoon and evening. If in Luton, large public gatherings or protests should be avoided as a precautionary measure in light of the possibility of violent confrontation.

[10] http://www.englishdefenceleague.org

11. ***France's Nexus of Risk Factors***

Several recent events in France indicate a current heightened level of risk both in the country and abroad:

- On 16-17 July 2010, the Villeneuve area of Grenoble was the scene of massive rioting by Muslim youths, including automatic weapons fire, the torching of dozens of cars and an attack on a train. The rioting was sparked by the death of a young man of North African descent, who exchanged fire with police after he had robbed a local casino. Hundreds of riot police and military troops were patrolling Grenoble earlier this week.

- Also on 16 July, a man who crashed into a policeman at a barricade and then failed to stop his car at a second police checkpoint was shot dead in Saint-Aignan.

- In reaction to the above shootings, dozens of Saint-Aignan residents, primarily of North African descent, rioted on 17-18 July. They attacked the local police station, as well as damaging several shops and vehicles. French authorities deployed soldiers to patrol the area of unrest.

- The above rioting came on the heels of French legislators voting overwhelmingly (only one opposed) on 13 July 2010 to ban the wearing of face-covering veils in all "public spaces." In September 2010, the bill will be brought before the French Senate, but it may be challenged beforehand in court as a violation of European Union laws.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Emerging European legislation to ban veils, such as that recently voted on in France, have regularly led to jihadist communications calling for attacks on the nations passing said laws. Local jihadist preachers and international jihadist communications often incite Muslim youth to act against the nearest "infidel" targets guilty of "denigrating" Islam.

The current period - while the issue of the veil ban is under public debate and, assuming the law is passed, in the near term thereafter - would be the most likely time to see such an increase in violent agitation. As previously noted in May 2010 (PAIB No. 91) analysts have intercepted communications from ***AL-QA'IDA* IN THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB** (**AQIM**) naming France, Spain and Mauritania as urgent current targets for attack.

Depending on the level of attention the ban is given in the Western media, as well as by senior jihadist leaders, possible increases in the risk of lone-wolf or self-starting cells targeting both French cities and French assets are indicated worldwide. In addition, France's majority-Muslim neighborhoods may see increasing unrest derived from both the veil ban and from the recent shooting deaths mentioned above.

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in exchange programs in France (such as from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg University, Mansfield University and Westminster College) should be informed of the increased risk factors at the current time. In this regard, the French government has produced a list of 750 "no-go zones" (officially known as *Zones urbaines sensible* (Sensitive Urban Zones), considered to be high-risk (http://sig.ville.gouv.fr/Atlas/ZUS).

In Pennsylvania, high-visibility French assets that may draw the attention of jihadist adversaries include the offices of France's Consulate General in Center City Philadelphia and the *Alliance Française de Pittsburgh*, which meets in the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning.

Sectors: Chemical, Commercial Facilities, Postal and Shipping, and Transportation Systems

12. ***Al-Qa'ida Plot Highlights Risk of Peroxide-Based IED***

On 8 July 2010 three men identified as Al-Qa'ida operatives were arrested in Norway and Germany on charges of plotting to build a chemical weapon to attack Western targets. In a display of international cooperation between intelligence agencies, the Norway Police Security Service worked with the FBI and CIA in exposing the plot, which appears to have connections with other peroxide-related plots in New York City and in England.

The three men reportedly belong to the **TURKESTAN ISLAMIC PARTY** (**TIP**), an Al-Qa'ida-affiliated separatist terror organization based in Xingjian Province, China. (PIB No. 111)

The Norwegian arrests come only one day after the US Department of Justice leveled charges on Adnan Shukrijumah and other Al-Qa'ida members for plotting coordinated suicide-attacks against the New York City subway using an explosive consisting of peroxide, acetone, flour and oil.

The New York City subway plot was connected to a Manchester bombing plot. The latter plot unraveled in April 2009 when British authorities arrested Al-Qa'ida members who had large quantities of flour and oil in their possession, as well as photographs and maps of the city of Manchester indicating pre-operational surveillance.

According to authorities, the three men from Oslo, who purchased what they thought were hydrogen peroxide-based chemicals from a local pharmacy, are directly linked to both the New York City and Manchester plots through common terror masterminds based in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Acetone peroxide-based explosives continue to be a popular choice for jihadist terrorists because of its availability, portability and powerful effects.

Tighter regulations and oversight from law enforcement and intelligence services, however, has made the purchasing of peroxide much more risky for the would-be terrorists, as the arrests in Norway indicate.

Analyst Note: Terrorists are likely to increasingly seek alternative ways of attaining hydrogen peroxide and other chemicals that can be used to make explosive materials. This includes the possibility that terrorists will attempt to steal these chemicals from a water treatment plant or hijack said chemicals from a transportation vehicle.

Sector: Government Facilities

13. ***Germany: 'Chaos Days' in 2010?***

Recent communications among German anarchists and anti-authoritarians would seem to indicate a growing desire and planning for a new set of *Chaostage*, or "Chaos Days" in English translation.

Chaos Days refers to mass rioting and vandalism by "punks" and other anti-authoritarian youths. The Chaos Days took place first in the 1980s and then in the mid-1990s, primarily in Germany.

This year, there has been some indication that German anarchists are hoping to generate growing enthusiasm for new Chaos Days starting 5 July 2013. In communications on the future event, anarchists added, "But until then, you should no longer feel safe." They promise decentralized rioting "everywhere in the Federal Republic of Germany ... to prepare for the Chaos Days of 2013."

Perhaps in an effort to show their serious intentions, anarchists held what they called a Warm-Up Chaos Day on 5 July 2010 in Heidelberg. The rowdy group that turned up briefly clashed with police after burning a few public garbage bins.

There are additional indications that the "preparations" for 2013 will continue on or around 6-8 August 2010 in Hamburg, as well as possibly on 3 August 2010 in Hanover.

There has been very little mention, as of this writing, of the Chaos Days among American anarchist circles. However, it bears noting that Chaos Days took place in San Francisco in 1995 and 1996, approximately parallel with the German Chaos Days.

********A NALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

There is the possibility of anti-authoritarian rioting, vandalism and clashes with police in the above-mentioned locations on or around the dates listed. If the groups behind the events are successful in promoting their plans in coming months, then the strength and vigorousness of the Chaos Days events will grow greater (as will the risk of incidental injuries and damages) with each gathering.

In Germany, Pennsylvania students and researchers taking part in exchange programs (such as from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg University, Mansfield University and Westminster College) should maintain heightened situational awareness in the above-mentioned cities on and around the target dates listed.

Analysts will continue to monitor anarchist communications for further indications of Chaos Days and "warm-up" Chaos Days in Europe that pose a risk to Pennsylvania students, as well as for any planning related to possible American affinity-group Chaos Days.

No emerging indicators, threats and/or warnings at this time for the following sectors:

- Agriculture and Food
- Banking and Finance
- Commercial Real estate
- Communications
- Critical Manufacturing
- Dams
- Defense Industrial Base
- Emergency Services
- Government Facilities[11]
- Healthcare and Public Health
- Hotels and Lodging
- Information Technology
- National Monuments and Icons
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste
- Postal and Shipping

[11] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.

PRIVATE SECTOR SECURITY
SOCIAL SERVICES
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack/action is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack or action is likely to be a priority and might well be mounted.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack or action on the target is a priority and is likely.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements not only have the intent and established capability, but also are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is imminent.

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