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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. *An Indian Death Sentence and Jihadist Terrorism*

On Thursday, 6 May 2010, an Indian court handed down a death sentence for the lone surviving terrorist in the November 2008 Mumbai Massacre, Mohammed Ajmal Kasab. Kasab confessed to being a member of the Pakistan-based ***Lashkar-e-Taibe*** terrorist organization.

During the three-day coordinated assault on Mumbai by a team of ten terrorists, 166 people were murdered and more than 300 were wounded. Armed with assault rifles, the attackers began firing at passersby and randomly killing guests in the two largest and most venerable luxury hotels in India's financial capital, at a crowded train station and at a Jewish community center.

Death sentences in India are carried out by hanging. Although no decision has yet been reached on whether Kasab will appeal the sentence, the execution could be delayed by up to a year in any event.

The Kasab death sentence, ITRR analysts explain, may serve as a trigger for jihadist terrorists who have already been insinuated into major Indian cities. As has already been reported in open sources, uncorroborated intelligence sources in India suggested that more than 140 Al-Qaeda-affiliated terrorists have entered India recently. The operatives, it is said, have been sent to set up terror cells for possible future activation in large-scale attacks.

More generally, as indicated in PAIB No. 76, intense jihadist focus continues to be placed on India. From time to time in the past year, various Indian cities and venues have been placed on heightened alert due to intelligence inputs regarding impending or threatened jihadist terrorist attacks. Recently, the US State Department issued an alert, saying that there are "increased indications terrorists are planning attacks in New Delhi," especially in local street markets. Also singled out this year by jihadist ideologues (see PAIB Nos. 44 and 66) were the cities of Hyderabad and Kolkata.

As recommended in several past ITRR PAIB, researchers and faculty at New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania, should be advised of the ongoing high risk of jihadist attack on public venues generally, and at tourist sites or other Western-identified venues. In addition, Indian targets outside the subcontinent may be singled out by elements sympathetic to the Indian jihad. ITRR analysts believe there is a limited risk of jihadist, lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania (e.g., Hindu and Sikh temples) or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania (ICAP).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. *UK: Elections and the Global Culture Clash*

Citizens of the United Kingdom went to the polls on Thursday, 6 May 2010, to vote for their parliamentary representatives and, consequently, who will put together the next British government. As of Thursday night, exit polls gave the Conservative Party (led by David Cameron) the lead as the largest political bloc. However, their victory over the Labor Party (led by current Prime Minister Gordon Brown) and the Liberal Democrats (led by Nick Clegg) does not appear to be massive enough to give the Conservatives an overall majority in the House of Commons.

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

This tentative election result can indicate a mixture of a commitment to what the Conservative Party calls, "succeeding in our mission in Afghanistan," an opposition to a nuclear-armed Iran, general support for NATO as "the ultimate guarantor of Europe's security" and a desire to take strong action against foreign and homegrown terrorist and terror-supporting groups (specifically named in the party's manifesto is ***Hizb-ut-Tahrir*** and "dissident republican" groups in Northern Ireland).

Terrorism, ITRR analysts note, is often a tool used in an effort to influence a nation's politics. Thus, many acts of terrorism have been directed toward influencing elections or newly installed governments, if not by venue then by timing. Election violence and terrorism has been used in Ireland, the Philippines, Spain, Pakistan, India, Russia, Afghanistan and Iraq, to name a few.

The "7/7 Bombings" (7 July 2005) in London, although occurring two months after national elections, were likely intended to influence the path of the new government. The UK's ongoing participation in the wars then underway in the Muslim world, including in Afghanistan, were in the headlines during the elections. Such a post-election attack, as a form of collective punishment directed at the population for electing a particular government, can occur if the adversary is already prepared to take action and is looking for a trigger.

The apparent UK election results, recent anti-Muslim actions and rhetoric among far-right parties in England, as well as the recent desecration of a Staffordshire war memorial with pro-terrorism Muslim-supremacist graffiti, all feed into the general atmosphere of an imminent culture clash underway in the country.

ITRR analysts note that prior jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR referring specifically to the UK included the intent to target UK transportation systems. In PAIB No. 53, ITRR analysts noted a stepped-up tempo of threats against British nationals and assets in the UK and worldwide. All of the above motivational factors and communications can influence targeting decisions among organized terror groups, as well as among lone-wolf terrorists.

ITRR analysts recommend a heightened period of alert in the UK at this time until after the new government is settled into parliament.

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 increase situational awareness at the current time. In Pennsylvania, the British-American Business Council (BABC) has chapter offices in Philadelphia (200 S. Broad St.) and Pittsburgh (425 Sixth Ave.) which may be targeted for protest or more destructive action.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Further Tactical Discussions About Targeting Sports Venues*

ITRR analysts are continuing to monitor and track ongoing communications among jihadists regarding tactics and targeting at the FIFA 2010 World Cup (soccer), to be held in South Africa between 11 June and 11 July 2010. In addition to specific intelligence on the World Cup games (maps of the stadiums, game schedules, team colors, etc.), much of the shared guidance is generally applicable to attacks on sports venues of all kinds worldwide.

In a new communication, for example, jihadists discuss the advantages of a coordinated attack on a stadium. Tactically, they recommend placing explosives inside cups with certain substances they identify by name to conceal the explosives. Also recommended is placing C4 explosives inside a team scarf of the kind "that are sold everywhere." In such an attack on a packed stadium, the communication explains, casualties will be far greater than the numbers of people killed in the initial explosion due to the expected panicky rush for the exits, in which many people will be trampled.

A crowd-driven panic, according to the jihadist communication, can even be generated without any actual explosives. "You can make an anonymous call and report a bomb inside the stadium, and the 'domino effect" will start," the communication says.

As a general observation, the jihadists comment that "the bigger the venue, the bigger the security failures."

The communication contains pictures and photos of the South Africa World Cup logo, photos of the American and English teams, pictures of all the different stadiums to be used in the World Cup, different team scarves, a Nokia cellular phone and a gun with a Nokia cell phone on its handle.

This latest communication follows an earlier dramatic discussion this April in which a jihadist described a theoretical scenario for a coordinated attack on a sports stadium. In that description, explosives knock out the power to the region where the stadium is located, as well as a second bomb taking out any local generator. This is followed by terrorists dressed in law enforcement uniforms directing VIP at the game into an ambush where they will be taken hostage.

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

Tactics

Many recent jihadist communications - as cited by ITRR researchers primarily in PAIB Nos. 42, 47, 56 and 72 - have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, using sports paraphernalia or infiltration of sports stadiums. The explicit references to sports venues dovetails with previous jihadist tactical communications regarding the use of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous, appropriate clothing.

Important aspects of the latest jihadist communications include the identification of vulnerabilities at sports stadiums and the guidance on the use of C4 explosives. ITRR analysts are continuing to monitor the jihadist communications for further guidance on improving the feasibility of the previously discussed tactics.

The above-mentioned tactical intelligence sharing takes on significance for Pennsylvania due to the regular professional and collegiate sporting events held in the state.

South Africa

Recent jihadist communications include very serious risk indicators regarding the upcoming World Cup, including the implication that ***Al-Qaeda*** has the capability to deploy some sort of "dirty bomb" using radioactive material. The latest jihadist communications on the topic can be understood to focus on the American and English teams and fans as high-priority targets. Previous jihadist communications targeting the World Cup had explicitly named Denmark and the Netherlands as key targets as well.

Students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions through the University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center (the Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad in KwaZulu-Natal), Pennsylvania State University (the

Alliance for Education, Science, Engineering and Development in Africa, in conjunction with the University of Cape Town), and others, should be made aware of the specific risks associated with attending World Cup games this year.

4. ***Update: Toronto Risk Indicators Ahead of G8/G20 Talks***

As repeatedly noted in past ITRR PAIB (Nos. 50, 59 and 73), North American anarchists are currently focusing attention on the G8 and G20 meetings slated for 21-27 June 2010 in Toronto, Canada. Logistical, strategic and tactical planning observed by ITRR analysts indicates that the turnout of "anti-colonial, anti-capitalist organizers and community activists" intent on disrupting the talks will be significant.

Representatives of some anarchist groups will be meeting in Toronto on 15 May 2010 to build strategies for planned disruptions of the multinational meetings.

ITRR analysts note that the groups state they "are working together to build structures to coordinate their work and plans to resist, confront and disrupt the illegitimate so-called powers that meet behind walls of privilege. As we lay the groundwork for a mass mobilization, strengthened by the power of our local struggles we are excited by the opportunities that lay before us."

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

ITRR analysts expect significant, anarchist-led disruptions at the G8/G20 talks in Toronto. In addition, as noted in PAIB No. 59, anarchists are defining Days of Resistance (21-24 June 2010) and Days of Action (25-27 June 2010) in which people are encouraged to hold activities including "marches, rallies, direct actions in cities across the world."

Organizations with facilities in Toronto should prepare their personnel to react to the potential of disorders. Businesses and other organizations intending to be in Toronto during the G8/G20 talks should prepare for unanticipated modifications to their plans. Plans should include training in the operation of air handling systems to reduce the infiltration of riot control chemicals, the protection and replacement of windows, and the prevention of unlawful entry and damage to property.

Specifically, students and faculty involved in the Pennsylvania State University program at Ryerson University in Toronto (9 May - 5 June 2010) should be made aware of the growing risk of anarchist violence and other "direct action." This is especially significant in light of planned field trips to Canadian government buildings. While the Ryerson University course ends prior to the G8/G20 meetings, ITRR analysts believe the convergence of anarchist activists in Toronto starting in mid-May is sufficient cause for heightened situational awareness there.

Regarding domestic risk indicators in Pennsylvania, ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for relevant targeting information.

5. ***Update: Radical Targeting of BP Expanding***

The radical, anti-capitalist **ANSWER COALITION** is promoting a "National Day of Action" targeting the BP energy corporation on 12 May 2010. The theme is to be "SEIZE BP!"

The activists are calling for people to "take to the streets and demand the immediate seizure of BP's assets" in the wake of the currently expanding Gulf of Mexico oil disaster. "In cities and towns around the country, people will take to the streets on Wednesday, May 12 at BP offices and other locations," ANSWER declares, adding that the New York City rally will be in front of JP Morgan Chase headquarters at 270 Park Ave. In Washington, DC protests will take place at the BP Amoco Corporation Government Affairs Office.

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

ITRR analysts note that the ANSWER call for anti-BP demonstrations comes on the heels of a previous call to blockade BP service stations nationwide (as cited in PAIB No. 80; see list of BP stations in Pennsylvania). As noted at the time, BP stations are only one of the multinational's corporate holdings that may be targeted by determined environmentalists. The BP group includes Amoco, ARCO and BP, as well as the AM/PM outlets and Castrol motor oil. As stated in the above PAIB, ITRR analysts believe that varying types of protests are likely to be held at BP and subsidiary locations throughout Pennsylvania.

Security personnel and law enforcement should be aware of the planned protests, which may include illegal or violent "direct action" by radical anti-capitalist, anarchist or environmentalist elements in attendance. Primarily, however, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control, as well as identifying and isolating uncontrolled participants.

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CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ENERGY
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little capability or intent to take action against the target. It is assessed that, although it cannot be ruled out, an attack or action is unlikely to be mounted based on current available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements have the capability to take action against the target and that such action is within the adversary's current intent. It is assessed that an attack or action is likely to be a priority and might well be mounted.
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CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements with an established capability are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is expected imminently.

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