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* **1 November 2009 — *Confirmation of Western Appearing Jihadists***

Researchers of the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) have identified an 8-minute jihadist video that discusses Bulgarian nationals participating in training and fighting with the Taliban in Afghanistan. [The video was meant for internal jihadist morale-building purposes.] These Bulgarians do not have the physical traits common to "Middle East-looking" men.

These trained, combat experienced Bulgarians have the capability to conduct surveillance or terror operations in any area of the world without calling attention to themselves as international jihadist terrorists.

********ACTION********

The successful disruption of a planned terror attack begins with the identification of pre-operational indicators. Personnel responsible for the security of critical infrastructure should be made aware of the existence of European-looking men—specifically carrying Bulgarian identification—conducting surveillance of critical infrastructure.

* **1 November 2009 — *Protecting Japanese Assets in PA***

TAM-C researchers have identified an Arabic-language threat targeting Japanese assets due to Japan's economic assistance to the Afghan government for infrastructure projects. The communication indicates that Japan has provided money in an attempt to "buy off" Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, encouraging Islamic fighters to gain employment and drop the jihad.

Although TAM-C analysts believe that the threat to Japanese assets in the state of Pennsylvania is not high as a result of this resulting communication, it is a reminder that international threats are also domestic threats.

********ACTION********

TAM-C analysts recommend that security personnel add Japanese assets and Japanese-identified assets to their list of potential targets.

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1. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

* **3 October 2009 (Ongoing) - *Philadelphia Airport: Gateway for Jihadists***

David Coleman Headly was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport for allegedly planning terror attacks against Danish targets (with Tahawwur Hussain Rana) in revenge for the Muhammad-cartoon controversy. At the time of his arrest, Headly was boarding a plane destined for Philadelphia, en route to Pakistan.

TAM-C analysts note that Philadelphia International Airport is being utilized by people associated with terror organizations as a gateway between the United States and terrorist training in Pakistan.

The likelihood of individual terrorists passing through the city remains high. TAM-C will continue to monitor any connections between international terrorists and Pennsylvania transportation systems, whether these systems are intended merely as means to another destination, or targets themselves.

2. GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

* **12 November 2009 - *Protestors target Philly DA Candidate***

Mumia Abu-Jamal supporters are planning simultaneous protests in Philadelphia and in Washington, DC, demanding clemency for the convicted cop-killer. The Philly protestors have targeted Seth Williams, a Democratic candidate for District Attorney.

If elected, Williams has promised to carry out Abu-Jamal's execution, a decision that has won him the support of the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police. On 24 October 2009, Mumia supporters protested outside the FOP Lodge precisely for this reason.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts know that pro-Mumia protests in Philadelphia, masterminded by the MOVE organization, typically bring a lot of rhetoric but rarely violence. Most of the principals leading the local "Free Mumia" movement are already known by police. Analysts do not see any indication that this particular protest will be different from others.

TAM-C analysts warn however that as Abu-Jamal's execution draws closer, a sense of desperation and anger could set in, motivating his more radical followers to harass or attack perceived enemies, especially public officials associated with this case.

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The threat potential also increases if these protests turn into larger rallies attended by activists from outside the community. TAM-C researchers will attempt to identify if outside agitators unknown to the Philadelphia Police Department intend to join this and/or future protests.

TAM-C is also tracking the December 2009 release of Tigre Hill's *Down a Barrel of a Gun,* a documentary about the Mumia Abu-Jamal case (featuring a cameo by Seth Williams.) Snippets of the film indicate that it takes an unusually critical view of Mumia himself. TAM-C analysts observe that pro-Mumia supporters are thus growing defensive towards the film and have themselves referred to it as a catalyst for further protest.

* **27 November 2009 - *G20-Twittering Anarchist Due in Court***

Elliot Madison, an anarchist from Queens, NY, was arrested in Pittsburgh by Pennsylvania State Police on 24 September 2009 for twittering law enforcement movements during the G-20.

Since his arrest, FBI agents have raided his home, confiscating computers, books, and other personal possessions. TAM-C analysts recognize that this case has sparked an emotional debate on the issue of free speech and dissent, especially within anarchist circles. TAM-C analysts will continue to monitor future protests and/or actions targeting the justice system as this case develops.

3. COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

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4. ENERGY

* **29 October 2009 — *Threat to Oil and Gas Supplies***

Researchers of the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) have identified targeting information that may indicate international jihadists' interest in conducting a terror attack in Morocco.

Arab language researchers have identified information indicating the intent to target Ceuta and Melilla, Morocco. The targeting of these 2 cities is included in information that was broadcast to the "Maghreb family." *(Maghreb* is the Arabic term for North Africa.)

TAM-C's analysts note that the goal is to expel the [Spanish] invaders from these cities in the same way that Muslims were expelled from the two Spanish cities of Seville and Granada. The message states that these territories must be liberated by force and there is no other choice but Jihad.

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Analysts believe that the "Maghreb family" refers to jihadi terrorists aligned with al-Qaeda of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). AQIM has the operational capability to carry out terror actions against Spanish interests in both North Africa and Spain.

At the time of the message's interception, the analysts were not able to ascertain whether this communication was, in fact, instructions from AQIM command personnel or whether it was targeting advice being provided by an individual.

Analysts note that the term "invader" can be generalized to mean any Western target. TAM-C's analysts note that adversarial elements may be in place, or en route to the region from affiliated, unaffiliated or lone wolf cells aligned with AQIM.

********ACTION********

There is increased risk of targeting of Western interests in Morocco. Such targeting could disrupt the flow of gas or petroleum products to the US which may affect power production.

TAM-C analysts suggest that petroleum companies and power companies using petroleum from North Africa more carefully monitor fuel supplies coming out of North Africa generally, and Morocco specifically.

TAM-C researchers will continue to attempt to identify the source of the targeting information in order to ascertain the degree of risk to gas and petroleum supplies.

The Alert above will expire on 14 November 2009 if no additional information is identified.

* **4-6 December 2009 -** ***Anarchists Target PA site (ongoing)***

In the 30 October 2009 AIB, TAM-C analysts identified the 'Ruckus Working Group' as the non-profit entity providing training to anarchists in methods of destroying gas pipelines.

TAM-C analysts have since intercepted an internal 'Ruckus' communication calling for "direct action" against companies that would drill for gas in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale. The upcoming anti-pipeline training session is part of this campaign.

The training program starts at 6PM on Friday, 4 December 2009 and will be located at the McMillan Center in Enfield, NY.

The event is free due to "donations." TAM-C analysts will continue to track this group and affiliated parties, especially as they target sites within Pennsylvania.

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* **9 November 2009 - *Potential for Disorder in Pittsburgh***

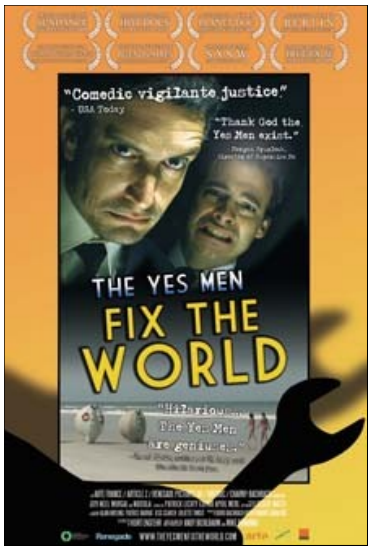
The Yes Men Fix the World, a film satirizing government and corporations in the Michael Moore tradition, is currently on its national tour. On 9 November 2009, the film premieres as part of Pittsburgh's Film Festival.

TAM-C analysts note that disorders and vandalism have been associated with screenings of this film.

After its first showing in New York City audience members were encouraged to march to a nearby Chase Bank branch. Using charcoal to symbolize the movie's anti-coal mining message, audience members vandalized the bank by writing graffiti all over the bank's front and on the adjacent sidewalk. The vandalism was led and encouraged by activists who were prepared to lead such activity.

TAM-C researchers have observed recruitment efforts by aggressive Anarchist-type organizations, seeking to guarantee such reactions after each of the film's screenings.

TAM-C analysts advise local law enforcement personnel to be aware of the possibility of such activity after the Pittsburgh screening on 9 November 2009.



The screening takes place at the Melwood Screening Room and Filmmakers Galleries, 477 Melwood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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