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Pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, Homeland Security Act of 2002 and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, critical infrastructure and key resources are defined as "systems and assets - whether physical or virtual - so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters." This informational/intelligence product is oriented on and specifically developed for all affected stakeholders of those Pennsylvania-based critical infrastructures & key resources.

STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. Public Summer Events and the Risk to Mass Transportation

The summer months in the Northern Hemisphere see increased festivals and outdoor concerts of all kinds, as well as some large communal religious events, with large crowds in attendance (such as Pennsylvania "Gay Pride" events, the Riyaadah (http://www.riyaadah09.org/), the Israel Day Parade, high profile sporting events, Fourth of July celebrations, and more). Such gatherings serve as high-profile targets for terrorists, anarchists and professional "troublemakers" of all stripes.

In some cases, when effective security provisions are in place, terrorists may find that targeting the heart of such large summer gatherings with explosives or firearms is a difficult objective. Therefore, adversaries may see mass transportation venues bringing attendees to the event as an acceptable proxy target. Seeking a weak link in the overall security perimeter, trains and buses to such events may be seen as vulnerable. Hitting trains or buses on the way to public events, in terrorist calculations, may at times have a higher chance of success than - and an equal psychological impact as - a strike in the heart of those events themselves.

A second concern is the ability of **non-jihadist terrorists** to use "direct action" tactics on mass transit as a method to disrupt a public event served by the transportation venue targeted. Secondarily, it should be noted that anonymous bomb threats called into stations or trains on railway lines may serve as an effective method to temporarily halt service. Finally, more violent adversaries may also use bomb hoaxes for purposes of pre-operational surveillance and probing, observing and learning security forces' response protocols.

Real-world examples of mass transit targeting tactics abound:

1. One of the methods of terrorist disruption and attack on mass transit is, of course, a bomb planted or carried on board trains, buses or other mass transportation. Such was the case in the London (2005) and Madrid (2004) public transportation bombings, for example, as well as in the many bus bombings that struck Israel in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

2. Another tactic, rail side bombs, has become a familiar facet of Marxist separatist terrorism in India aimed primarily at halting train traffic and sending a message to the central government. In Russia, such an attack led to the deaths of 28 people in late 2009 when jihadists detonated a bomb under a passenger train, derailing it.

3. Derailment by means of track sabotage, used alone, has not been a favorite tactic of ideological terrorists. However, a major derailing in India in May 2010, which led to the deaths of nearly 150 people, was attributed to a Communist (Naxalite) terror cell. According to police, the terrorists abducted a railway lineman, threatening him and his family, and forced him to release clips holding the rails in place.

This month, in New York, an Amtrak passenger train struck railroad ties that were apparently deliberately placed on tracks running through the Cattaraugus Reservation. Signs out up near the scene said, "No Mail - No Rail," which police believe is a reference to a new federal law banning Native American businesses from sending cigarettes by postal service.

4. Disruption of train service alone also has its benefits, in the terrorist worldview. Several cases of bomb threats called into Indian stations, for example, have highlighted the disruptive power of this tactic. In addition, when caused by dummy devices or abandoned cars, such disruptions can serve as pre-operational testing ("dry runs") for active terrorist cells.

This week, in New Jersey, a police bomb squad was called to investigate a suspicious car parked near a Northeast Corridor railroad overpass. A device in the vehicle appeared to consist of gasoline canisters connected with wires. While investigation showed the device was not a bomb, traffic in the vicinity was brought to a halt. Investigation continues into the reason the car was abandoned where it was, but ITRR analysts note that such tactics are consistent with recent jihadist communications regarding the deliberate creation of false alarms in Western countries (see PIB no. 85).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: ENERGY, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Increasing and Expanding Focus on Marcellus

ITRR analysts have identified a new anti-gas documentary that follows in the tradition of the anti-gas-industry *Gasland*. The new film, *All Fracked Up*, explicitly singles out Chesapeake Energy, with heavy interests in Pennsylvania.

As the film's directors, Jeff and Jodi Andrysick from Pulteney, New York, explain:

"We were jolted into harsh reality this January when a predatory gas corporation [*Chesapeake - ed.*] picked our beautiful bucolic town along Keuka Lake to inject aprox. 3/4 billion gallons of toxic brine into an abandoned gas well in Pulteney. The toxic brine was a result of the earth regurgitating back high pressure toxic fluids used in hydro-fracking operations in PA. ...A massive grass roots movement occurred on Super Bowl Sunday at our firehall with almost 500 people showing up on a cold frigid winter day. They said 'no, we won't accept your toxic brine disposal well.' The gas company rescinded their application. Hooray for Pulteney and Keuka Lake! THE MORAL OF THE STORY: The people always win when they show up in numbers and demand their rights as citizens of this great American experiment-DEMOCRACY."

The directors are marketing the film as a more hard-hitting version of *Gasland*, using militant rhetoric such as calling for "resistance" against the "shale army."

Thus far, *All Fracked Up* screenings are slated for the New York area. Showings are expected in Pennsylvania after the end of July 2010.

********ANALYSIS****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

The film *Gasland* contributed to the recent intensification of protests and rising anger among community and activist groups against Marcellus Shale drilling. ITRR analysts believe that *All Fracked Up* will add to this adversarial sentiment.

Radical environmental groups may be particularly inspired by the film's confrontational approach. ITRR analysts further note that the **Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN)** has also recently focused on the Marcelllus Shale gas industry in its targeting and motivational communications (http://neanarchist.net/).

On 8 July 2010, for example, a major anarchist website reposted an old article detailing anarchist protests when a Chesapeake Energy CEO visited Boston. ITRR analysts believe that the repost indicates growing support among anarchists (such as NEAN) for the anti-Marcellus Shale drilling movement.

Of note in this context is the 16-18 July 2010 NEAN annual assembly in Boston. In light of recent "green anarchist" focus on drilling projects, ITRR believes it likely that anarchists will be formally and informally sharing information regarding companies involved in oil and gas drilling in Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, as reported in PIB no. 104, recent Earth First! networking communications have focused on the Marcellus Shale area gas drilling project as a high priority target in the New York-Pennsylvania region.

In light of the growing risk indicators, ITRR analysts advise situational awareness for all Pennsylvania drilling projects. Eco-terror lone wolves or organized environmental militant cells may be inspired in the coming months to carry out significant "direct actions" targeting Chesapeake Energy or other Marcellus Shale drilling concerns.

According to company officials, Chesapeake Energy has 19 active drilling rigs in northeast Pennsylvania. These are located in Wayne, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Bradford Counties. A field office operates in Towanda, Bradford County, while a Chesapeake Energy corporate representative has an office in Allegheny County, as well.

Sectors: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

3. Anti-Israel Activists Disrupt an International Flight

A small group of **anti-Israel Communist** activists and labor union members in Greece managed to delay an El Al Israel Airlines flight to Athens for two hours on Wednesday.

The group of more than 30 people blocked five check-in counters serving the Israeli carrier in Athens International Airport. Police were at the scene, but no arrests were reported.

"This was an action taken in solidarity with the Palestinian people and their effort to establish a Palestinian state," a union spokesman said.

********ANALYSIS****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

The above-mentioned incident, intended to disrupt an international port, was reminiscent of the 20 June 2010 targeting of Israeli shipping by more than 500 anti-Israel protesters at the Port of Oakland in California (see PIB no. 101). As in Greece, that effort was to prevent or delay an Israeli ship from docking. The Oakland protest was organized, in part, by the far-left radical ANSWER Coalition.

Both the Greek and Oakland protests are being treated as successes from the perspective of anti-Israel activists, due primarily to the additional costs and disruptions surrounding Israeli assets, as well as in terms of international media coverage of the events. The targeting of Israeli imports at their point of entry to a

given state is an attempt at forcing concerned ports or companies to prefer boycotting Israel over doing business with it.

For that reason, such tactics are likely to be emulated in other port cities and at international airports in Pennsylvania. This includes the Port of Philadelphia and the Port of Chester, which both receive Israeli imports. Regarding potential airport locations for anti-Israel actions, ITRR researchers note that there are direct Israel-Philadelphia flights by US Airways. El Al Airlines, the national Israeli carrier, has passenger flights to Pittsburgh International Airport by way of New York, and flies directly to the Newark Liberty International Airport (popular with travelers from the Philadelphia area, as well).

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. Jihadists Continue 'Naming Names' in Gulf Targeting

In a new communication intercepted by ITRR analysts, jihadists reiterate and expand on targeting guidance and inspiration focused on well-known television personalities from the Persian Gulf region.

The communication names Rima Salha, Abd Alkadir Al-Abidi, Salam Muhammad and Abu Inad, as well as "all who participate in production and setup" for their anti-jihad program called *The Death Industry* on the Al-Arabiya satellite TV network. The program cited by the jihadists purports to highlight Islamist and jihadist violence, crimes and ideologies.

Those commenting on the program apparently fail to note the irony when they declare: "The jihad is still existing. The silencers (*weapons - ed.*) will kill you in the name of the armed jihad. The Islamic intelligence is monitoring you. Whatever you are trying to distort by your program isn't working. There are several martyrs that are waiting to cut your head off."

A jihadist then requests information on the specific TV program, the location of Al-Arabiya offices and program centers in Dubai (where the station headquarters are located), the "addresses of Rima Salha in Beirut, Qatar and Dubai."

Calling for action by whoever can manage it, the communication continues: Whoever has the capability to carry a weapon should do that; whoever has the capability to plan should do it; whoever can supply money to people who know the jihad fighters should do so; whoever can supply information that is useful for our jihadists in the Faluja website should do so." The writer adds that supporters "can give information by Facebook."

Some of the information offered by jihadists regarding the above targets includes:

* "The security service in Dubai includes aviation, ports, sea and land security, which is controlled and managed by the Crusader security services. Regarding the citizens of Dubai their role is secondary. But the regime is crusader 100%."

* "You need to join together is the war against that channel. ..all who can target the employees should do that. All who can target their mail should do so. All who can monitor their moves should do so."

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

ITRR analysts note that the latest communication regarding Al-Arabiya TV station programming is part of an increasing focus by jihadists on the station and its employees.

As noted in PIB no. 84, jihadist communications have already offered targeting guidance for lone-wolf terrorist operations against Al-Arabiya television staff members and the Dubai emirate as a whole, as well as the Al-Misbar research institute. Other recent jihadist targeting of a media outlets focused on the BBC (see PIB no. 71).

ITRR analysts note that the above communications and those regarding the BBC provide targeting guidance to organized terror groups, as well as to lone wolf terrorists. While the journalists and the stations are the primary targets in such communications, other civilians, especially Westerners, are deemed acceptable collateral damage among most jihadists.

In light of the foregoing, Pennsylvania students and researchers at the American University branch in Dubai, where Al-Arabiya has offices and personnel, are advised to maintain situational awareness. Most particularly at risk is the vicinity of Dubai Media City. Students at the American University branches in Sharjah (also in the UAE) and in Beirut (where Rima Salha has a broadcasting center) are also advised of the stepped up threats to the named media outlets (Arabiya and BBC) and their personnel. Business travelers, military personnel, and oil industry employees and executives from Pennsylvania should also be aware of the increased risk in the named Gulf states.

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

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
ENERGY
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
HOTELS AND LODGING
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
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 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 intent and capability to take action against the target. It is assessed that 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 have an established capability and current intent to take action against the target and there is some additional information on the nature of the threat. It is assessed that an attack or action on the target is a priority and is likely to be mounted.
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 imminently expected.

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