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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. Anti-Fascist Agitation for Confrontation

Several recent events and calls for counter-protests among anarchist, anti-fascist and anti-authoritarian radicals have highlighted their continued agitation for confrontational violence.

* When the violently racist White supremacist group known as the Aryan Nations announced it would hold a rally at Gettysburg National Military Park on 19 June 2010, organizations billed as anti-fascist announced their own plans to take unspecified "actions" to disrupt event. Their intentions will be unaffected by police permits obtained by the neo-Nazi group.

* In communications about the above anti-Aryan Nations protest, a radical activist adds: "Let's stop defanged and laughable Nazis, but let us, too, put our efforts into stopping racist cultural nationalists.... Just as white folk must denounce 'whiteness' if they seek to undo fascism, so, too, is imperative that those of Jewish ancestry openly and unequivocally denounce the state of Israel!!! All out today for anti-Zionist demonstration!" It is unclear if the writer intends for his fellow "anti-fascists" to protest Zionism at Gettysburg Park or elsewhere.

* Anti-Islamic rallies in Cardiff and Swansea in Wales, in the United Kingdom, on 5 June 2010 were organized by the Welsh Defence League (WDL). In response, the Unite Against Fascism (UAF) organization held its own counter-protests in both cities, at the same gathering points and at the same times as the WDL.

* A three-way set of demonstrations and counter-demonstrations is set to take place in Whitechapel, in the United Kingdom, this weekend. The UK Islamic Conference (UK-IC) is planning an event in Tower Hamlets on 20 June 2010. In reaction, the English Defence League (EDL) is planning to hold an anti-Islamic protest in the same town on the same day. Anti-fascist groups then called for a protest in Altab Ali Park in Whitechapel on 19 June 2010, under the heading "Whitechapel United Against Division." Organizers say they will be protesting against both the EDL and the UK-IC, which they claim to see as equally "fascist."

* Also on 19 June 2010, members of the nationalist Scottish Defence League (SDL) are planning to hold a demonstration in the town of Kilmarnock, Scotland. Counter-protests by left-wing and anti-fascist groups opposed to the various British "Defence League" branches have been planned for the same day.

* In the United States, various rallies in support of Arizona's immigration legislation SB 1070 have drawn denunciations and reactions, including counter-rallies, from several groups. Some of these groups have included anarchists, radical members of the far-left and open borders militants. Among anarchist groups, it should be parenthetically noted; there have also been calls for "direct actions in our local communities."

As the above examples demonstrate, anti-fascist groups are not reticent to take to the streets against those rallies they oppose. While this can be a healthy exercise in democracy, ITRR analysts note that some militant anti-fascist groups (as well as far-right organizations, it must be said) seek, plan and instigate confrontational violence at such events. In many cases, the violent or semi-violent disruptions are explicit efforts to deter others from publicly gathering, or in order to make the cost of hosting opposing groups too high for local authorities to bear. In other cases, the violent confrontations are not planned, per se, but are the result of spontaneous flashpoints that develop on the scene or of lone-wolf instigators (and, possibly, poor municipal or police planning).

In some cases of planned confrontation by anti-fascist groups, there is a significant risk of violence targeting law enforcement, as well as rioting and vandalism against private and public assets. This phenomenon is primarily evident when large groups of radical anti-authoritarians or anarchists are involved. Such activists see the police as legitimate targets in principle, as representatives of state power, or supporting racists when officers attempt to prevent physical clashes between opposing protesters.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTORS: BANKING AND FINANCE & ENERGY

2. ***Ruckus Society and Others Learn More Tactics***

The radical activist organization known as the **RUCKUS SOCIETY** has announced its participation in a far-left knowledge-sharing event known as the US Social Forum. The Forum is to take place 22-26 June 2010 in Detroit, Michigan.

While the event itself will address a wide range of issues important to left-wing activists, and is most likely to remain generally peaceful, the Ruckus Society will take part in certain campaigns that ITRR analysts believe may ultimately pose a risk to Pennsylvania infrastructure assets.

- The Ruckus Society is intending to join a protest at JP Morgan Chase over "inhumane foreclosure practices."
- Along with the radical environmentalist group Rising Tide, on 24 June 2010 the Ruckus Society will run a training workshop called Direct Action Strategies for Climate Justice & Community Resilience. It will train activists to employ "resistance against corporate polluters," including the producers of so-called "clean coal".
- On 25 June 2010 Ruckus and other environmental groups such as the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) will run a training workshop identifying "intervention points in almost every corner of North America." The training will help eco-terrorists or others interested in "direct action" to identify "pipelines, refineries, rail, trucking and shipping lanes, and extraction" affecting the "tar sands in northern Alberta."
- Also on 25 June 2010, the Ruckus Society will lead a mock funeral protest march to "shame the Detroit Thomas Edison (DTE) Power Company."

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

ITRR analysts estimate that the protest events during the Forum will primarily present law enforcement with sporadic issues of crowd control, as well isolating any uncontrolled protesters.

As cited as far back as PAIB no. 2, sophisticated variations of "direct action" tactics were taught at a Ruckus Society training in New York in December 2009. That training was aimed at preparing for "direct action" against drilling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale area. The Ruckus Society may yet return to their 2009 targeting guidance.

Attendees at the Social Forum training and protest events are very likely to apply the skills and lessons learned in future "actions" targeting infrastructure assets in Pennsylvania. Such assets include the Marcellus Shale and other mining operations, coal industry facilities, banking and other key financial targets.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND ENERGY

3. *Hands Across the Sands*

A "national movement to oppose offshore oil drilling and champion clean energy and renewables" has developed a rather unique protest campaign called "Hands Across the Sands." At gatherings across the US, activists "will draw metaphorical and actual lines in the sand... against the threat oil drilling poses to America's coastal economies and marine environment."

The protest begins with activists going to a beach or other public area on 26 June 2010 at 11:00 AM. They then "join hands for 15 minutes at 12:00 forming lines in the sand against oil drilling in our coastal waters." Finally, the activists insist, "Leave only your footprints."

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

ITRR analysts believe the Hands Across the Sands campaign will be non-disruptive and non-confrontational, with law enforcement focused primarily on crowd control.

In Pennsylvania, such gatherings are to take place in:

- Lancaster, at Penn's Square.
- New Brighton, downtown on 3rd Ave.
- Newtown, in Tyler State Park.
- Huntingdon County, on the Whipple Dam Beach in Whipple Dam State Park.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *Spanish Cities May Ban the Islamic Veil*

It was announced this week that Barcelona may become the third Spanish municipality to ban the full-face Islamic veil in public buildings and indoor markets. While the measure has been promoted as religion-neutral, applying equally to anyone who seeks to conceal his or her face, Muslim groups have vigorously and regularly opposed such legislation worldwide.

Other towns, Lerida and El Venrell, have recently imposed veiling bans in their public buildings. The towns of Tarragona, Gerona and Coin are also considering such legislation.

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

ITRR analysts note that such bans, primarily in European states, have regularly led to jihadist communications calling for attacks on the nations passing said laws. Depending on the level of attention the ban is given in the Western media, as well as by senior jihadist leaders, ITRR analysts foresee a possible increase in the risk of lone-wolf or self-starting cells targeting Spanish assets worldwide. The current period - while the issue 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.

Students and faculty at Spanish educational facilities through exchange programs such as the University of Pennsylvania's Penn-in-Alicante program, its School of Dental Medicine's program in Madrid, and the University of Pittsburgh's summer and business school programs should be made aware of the potential for increased risk of jihadist attack or communal unrest in Spain. Pennsylvanians in Spain are advised to monitor the local media for further developments and situational awareness regarding enactment of the Barcelona veil ban.

Sectors: Government Facilities and Water

5. Freelance 'Stream Sampling and Analysis' in Pennsylvania

At 9:00 AM on Saturday, 19 June 2010, a group of environmentalists will meet at the Keystone College Willary Water Resource Center in La Plume, Pennsylvania, to analyze water samples taken from surrounding streams. ITRR's analysts believe that the water sampling is being done out of concern of ecological damage as a result of drilling for natural gas.

Those who wish to take part in the actual sampling have been instructed to contact the organizers personally. ITRR analysts identified at least five individuals who have been given responsibility to sample from two or three sites each.

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

While the individuals appear to be mainstream conservationists (and not radical activists), at least one of them is on record for criticizing "fracking" in the Marcellus Shale and urging residents not to make deals with energy companies. In 2008 she wrote an article, published in a local newspaper, that said: "If you are a landowner considering leasing your gas rights, you will NOT want to sign any lease you are given by a gas or leasing company."

ITRR analysts note the possibility that the organizers and their volunteer assistants may trespass onto private property owned or leased by gas drilling companies, either accidentally or deliberately.

Sector: Commercial Facilities

6. *Inspiring Animal Liberation Terrorism*

The Animal Liberation Front, a loose amalgamation of animal rights eco-terrorists, this week issued a claim of responsibility for setting fire to a Sheepskin Factory store in Denver, Colorado, on 30 April 2010 and to a Tandy leather store in Salt Lake City last week. The arsons were claimed in a statement from "ALF Lone Wolf."

The Denver Sheepskin Factory arson was a multiple-alarm fire that is still under investigation as of this writing.

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

The above arson attacks (whether or not the ALF claims of responsibility are true) have the potential to inspire other lone-wolf eco-terrorist actions nationwide. By signing the communiqué "ALF Lone Wolf," the militants are signaling encouragement and inspiration for other individuals or small cells to take similar action on a "lone-wolf" basis.

In Pennsylvania, recent animal rights terrorism or intimidation included:

- On 10 April 2010, the locks of a downtown Pittsburgh fur shop were glued shut, and a fur and leather store on the South Side of Pittsburgh was similarly targeted.
- Also on 10 April, a Pittsburgh restaurant known for selling foie gras had both its locks glued shut and was vandalized with graffiti.
- In late April, Carnegie Mellon University's Mellon Institute in the Oakland area of Pittsburgh was "tagged" (covered with multiple large stickers, in this case) over its hosting of "multiple animal testing facilities."
- In May 2010 two downtown Pittsburgh fur stores and one on the city's South Side had their locks glued and their properties defaced.
- The animal rights organization known as SHARK has unveiled "Operation Angel," which is the use of remote controlled aircraft to record the actions of those SHARK views as animal abusers. As they have stated in their communications, "The Angels will especially focus on the cowards involved in Pennsylvania's pigeon shoots." The UAVs were apparently deployed on 6 June 2010 to capture images from a pigeon shoot at Erdman Sportsmen's Association.

Additionally, animal rights militant forums have listed the following Pennsylvania facilities as targets for protests and other undefined actions: Bucknell University in Lewisburg; Calvert Preclinical Services in Olyphant; Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh; Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; Covance Research Products in Denver; Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster; Lock Haven University; MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia; Pennsylvania State University; Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia; University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; University of Pittsburgh; and Wyeth Laboratories in Philadelphia. The Pittsburgh Zoo was also specifically cited by animal liberationists.

ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness at facilities involved in animal testing, as well as at those commercial properties previously targeted by animal rights militants. Animal rights activism will continue to include both legal actions (such as public demonstrations and phone campaigns) and illegal actions (such as ideologically motivated vandalism and the type of terrorism already seen in attacks targeting researchers and animal testing facilities).

SECTOR: NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE

7. *Inspiring Anti-Nuclear 'Direct Action'*

Fifty Greenpeace activists were arrested in central Sweden this week after they trespassed and broke into a local nuclear power plant. The action was part of ongoing Greenpeace activism against nuclear energy.

Sweden's government is considering expanding or renovating the country's nuclear facilities.

Operators of the plant said that the activists breached a perimeter fence to get on the grounds; however, the plant officials insisted that the protesters did not pose a security risk.

Recent events indicate that Pennsylvania's nuclear power plants are also on the targeting list of anti-nuke activists. On 20 April 2010 Exelon Nuclear's Limerick Generating Station was the target of an anti-nuke demonstration.

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

While most recent anti-nuclear events in Pennsylvania have been non-confrontational, more radical elements may be inspired by the media attention garnered by the Swedish activists. Such individuals or small cells may decide to take "direct action," such as civil disobedience, against nuclear facilities.

In Pennsylvania, nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island may be targeted for protests or other direct actions. Additionally, environmental activists have repeatedly cited Pennsylvania as a leader in nuclear waste production (although the state does not have a disposal site), and nuclear waste through shipments (also see PAIB nos. 44, 50 and 57).

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

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COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
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HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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