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ONGOING RESEARCH

1. '*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." Anarchists 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 it. 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 requiring law enforcement intervention. (PAIB Nos. 98 and 102)

2. *Upcoming Earth First! Camping and Tactical Knowledge Sharing*

EARTH FIRST!, the radical environmentalist organization that boasts of its "direct action" credentials (www.earthfirst.org), has announced two camping and tactical training sessions next month. Skills and knowledge shared at these events will most likely be seen and felt at subsequent environmental protest events or direct action vandalism by eco-terrorist adversaries. Supporters of Earth First! are

forming a new activist network in the upstate New York-Pennsylvania region. As expanding circles of environmentalists and "green anarchists"(explicitly including Earth First!) are willing to embrace escalating eco-terrorism, security personnel responsible for facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests are advised to heighten situational awareness. ITRR analysts have identified several specific assets and industries that may be potential targets for eco-activist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 68, 90 and 104)

3. *CrimethInc.'s Anarchist 'Show of Force' in July-August*

The anarchist movement, **CRIMETHINC.** (www.crimethinc.com) is planning "a decentralized convergence" to take place in late July and throughout August. The group 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. One such event, the Conspiracy Tour, has announced tentative Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania:

- 30-31 July 2010, Pittsburgh
- 3 August 2010, Philadelphia

ITRR researchers are monitoring anarchist communications for further planned "actions," dates and locations relevant to Pennsylvania. As of this time, situational awareness is called for throughout the next two months at those sites that have previously been targeted by anarchist activity. (PAIB No. 103)

4. *Militarized Movements Growing 'Restless' - Training in July*

A multi-state militia, **2-4 MID-ATLANTIC CITIZEN HOMELAND SECURITY ASSOCIATION (MACHSA)** (www.machsa.vit.im/homeconstruction.html), is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in an as yet unidentified location in Pennsylvania from 16-19 July 2010. ITRR has identified possible central Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Metro Area links while attempting to identify the exact location of the training (www.machsa.vit.im/events.html). More generally, recent communications from extremist militia forums indicate a growing restlessness and self-reinforcing feeling of impending confrontation with the federal government. It is unknown how many of the 2-4 MACSHA charter members hold this view; however, there are likely to be those whose orientation will present a risk to officers in the vicinity of the gathering.

In that context, ITRR researchers continue to monitor anti-government militia organizations, especially the **ROGUE NATION ETERNAL MILITIA** (**RNEM**), also linked with anarchist libertarian elements. RNEM and others have been promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what they define as the "New

World Order." Targets include FEMA, the United Nations, banks, as well as the police, the military and other federal agencies. RNEM and supporters of other anti-federal militias are active in Pennsylvania (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73, 88 and 103)

5. *'Free Mumia' and Contributing Impetus to Violence*

Radical African-American ethnic activists, anarchists and other supporters are planning a rally in support of death row inmate *Mumia Abu-Jamal* on 4 July 2010 (Market St., between 5th and 6th) in Philadelphia. As of this writing, there are no indications of planned violence or civil disobedience. However, there are several local and national factors and influences that raise the risk level for such violence at this time, including the current Los Angeles Oscar Grant homicide trial and the inspiration offered to anarchists from the destructive G20 rioting in Toronto. Protests on behalf of Mumia and potentially against the outcome of the aforementioned trial in Los Angeles are likely to draw a broad, dangerous cross-section of opportunistic activists. (PAIB Nos. 75 and 104)

6. *Jihadists and Anti-Israel Protests Target Israeli, Jewish Assets*

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is slated to meet with Washington leaders on 6 July 2010. In response to the news of the Israeli leader's impending visit, anti-Israel activists have announced a protest at Israeli consulates in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington DC. Another trigger event that may be imminent is a Lebanon-based flotilla to Gaza, challenging Israel's maritime blockade. Jewish and Israeli assets have been targeted globally in recent weeks both by vigorous, anti-Israel activists and by violent anti-Semites. International jihadist groups and individuals have declared their intention to take "revenge" against Israel, Israelis, Jews and Americans. ITRR recommends heightened awareness both in Israel and in proximity to all Jewish and Israeli-identified assets worldwide. ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone-wolf calls to arms or protests in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 93, 94, 96, 101, 103 and 104)

7. *Irish Separatists Continue Their Campaign*

In a significant attack this month, a van containing 300 pounds of explosives was left outside a police station in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. There has been a notable increase in terrorist actions by Irish republican factions since late last year, with February 2010 beginning a period of increasing attempts to perpetrate large-scale attacks. Sectarian violence has thus far been fairly limited to specific targets and areas of Northern Ireland. Nonetheless, general situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

The 18 June-31 August 2010 Marching Season in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for anti-British and anti-loyalist violence, with the most significant risk surrounding the 12 July march. (PAIB Nos. 52 and 101)

8. ***NEAN 'Scholarship' to Expand Attendance at Anarchist Training***

The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual national assembly in Boston from 16-18 July 2010; it is to include "workshops or skillshares." NEAN is working to expand the potential pool of attendees with what they are calling a "scholarship for working-class anarchists," which will pay for transportation to the event. The skills and lessons learned can be expected to be put into effect in anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months, with an increased risk of "direct action"-type incidents. A possible flashpoint following the NEAN annual assembly may be Arizona's immigration legislation SB 1070 enactment on 29 July 2010 (see details herein).
ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for relevant targeting information. (PAIB Nos. 94 and 98)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

9. ***Lone-Wolf Jihadist Risk Indicators: United Kingdom***

ITRR analysts have intercepted communications inciting lone-wolf violence against British civilians. The communications discussed an incident in which a Muslim woman was attacked in London, her *niqab* and *jilbab* (traditional Muslim head, face and body coverings) were ripped off, and she was otherwise assaulted. The individual providing the information for European jihadist circles did not state that he witnessed the alleged attack; however, he said that "England football fans" perpetrated the alleged assault.

Further intercepted communications indicated the successful incitement of individuals willing to conduct lone-wolf acts of violence, presumably in the UK, as "retaliation."

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

ITRR researchers who monitor both Islamist and right-wing communications within the UK indicate that the above incitement towards lone-wolf violence is not unusual. Such incitement provides a basis for criminal conduct up to and including acts of terrorism involving weapons or improvised explosive devices (IED).

ITRR analysts' note: Prior jihadist communications aimed at the UK included reference to civilian targets, especially the mass transit systems in major cities.

As previously noted, far-right anti-Islam protests in the UK have also been a source of friction and, at times, violent clashes. Such protests have lately been joined by violent soccer hooligan gangs, as well as neo-Nazi and racist skinhead contingents. Incited lone-wolf Islamist terrorists may thus see any upcoming far-right rally or event as an appropriate venue for "revenge."

Unaccompanied travel into areas of major cities known as flashpoints for either White supremacist or Islamist-incited violence by youth gangs should be avoided.

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in the many exchange programs in the UK (such as through the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to avoid any far-right or militant Muslim gatherings; they may have a heightened potential of being targeted for violence at the current time. If travel to a town on a protest date is unavoidable, then large public gatherings should be avoided as a precautionary measure.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE

10. *Anti-Nuclear Gathering and 'Direct Action'*

Three anti-nuclear power movements, **NUCLEAR RESISTER**, **NUKEWATCH** and the **OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE** (**OREPA**), have announced plans for "a national gathering, culminating with nonviolent, anti-nuclear direct action" in Tennessee to mark three decades of their activities.

The event, billed as "resistance," is to take place 3-5 July 2010 at Maryville College and at the Y-12 National Security Complex in nearby Oak Ridge.

The organizers' stated intention is to, among other things, "advance the role of nonviolent direct action and civil resistance in this movement." As they stated in promotional communications: "This gathering is for people who advocate, practice and/or support non-violent direct action, civil resistance and civil disobedience in the struggle to stop nuclear power and abolish nuclear weapons."

In addition, the organizers said, they would be "marking the 30th anniversary of the Plowshares movement and the inaugural Plowshares Eight direct disarmament action of September 9, 1980." The reference is to the 1980 action of eight anti-nuclear activists who entered the General Electric Nuclear Missile Re-entry Division in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, hammered on two nuclear missile nose cones,

poured blood on documents and offered prayers for peace. They were arrested and ultimately convicted of burglary, conspiracy and criminal mischief in a Norristown court.

In related events this month:

- The National Nuclear Security Administration's Kansas City Plant, managed by Honeywell to help make nuclear weapons, was targeted by anti-nuclear and anti-war protesters on 18 June 2010. Four people were arrested when they blocked the employees' entrance to the plant. About 30 other protesters blocked the plant's front driveway entrance.
- Earlier in June, as noted in PAIB No. 100, fifty Greenpeace activists were arrested in central Sweden after they trespassed and broke into a local nuclear power plant. The action was part of ongoing regional activism against nuclear energy.

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

The Tennessee 30th anniversary events, as well as the June "direct actions" in Kansas City and Sweden, will most likely impact subsequent anti-nuclear protest events by inspiring similar disruptive actions elsewhere. As noted in previous PAIB, recent events indicate that Pennsylvania's nuclear power plants are also on the targeting list of anti-nuke activists (e.g., on 20 April 2010 Exelon Nuclear's Limerick Generating Station was the target of an anti-nuke demonstration).

Furthermore, as the 9 September anniversary of the Plowshares Eight "direct disarmament action" in King of Prussia approaches, there is an increased risk of escalation in anti-nuclear and anti-war activism in Pennsylvania.

While most recent anti-nuclear events in Pennsylvania have indeed been non-confrontational, more radical elements may be inspired by the media attention garnered by the aforementioned "direct actions." Such individuals or small cells may decide to take "direct action" themselves, 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).

Sector: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

11. *Tactics: Slavic Women, Explosive Implants*

A Russian transportation security agency, the *Rostransnadzor*, has been quoted in Russian-language media as warning of Slavic, jihadist, suicide bombers smuggling explosives concealed in body implants onto airplanes.

The agency reportedly passed the information on to its regional offices with the guidance to heighten awareness for any female passengers whose behavior seems suspicious.

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

The Russian agency alert provides further confirmation of two significant risk indicators identified by ITRR analysts in previous PAIB.

Profiling

Periodic jihadist communications focus on the presence and actions of Western-born terrorists or on methods of blending in with Westerners. For example, previous jihadist tactical communications (PAIB No. 42) discussed the use of explosives-rigged sports equipment placed in the hands of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous clothing.

The jihadist search for methods to foil technology-based security (PAIB No. 53) and ethnic profiling measures continues. Security personnel must therefore focus on increasing awareness of behavioral and situational clues indicating hostile intent.

Body Bombs

In PAIB No. 76, ITRR analysts cited an ongoing series of jihadist communications regarding tactics to strike within America and other Western states, including the specific potential use of prosthetic limbs loaded with explosives.

While the US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) publicly stated that prosthetic devices, artificial limbs, and surgically replaced body parts will not show up on the body scan imaging machines, ITRR analysts discovered that there have been repeated instances of women with prosthetic breasts (a result of mastectomies) reporting that they were subjected to secondary screenings, wanding and the like due to the prosthetics showing up on the scanner's screen. While admittedly anecdotal in nature, even these reports indicate that the detection of the prosthetics was heavily dependent on the TSA screener's alertness and skill.

As noted in PAIB No. 42, however, jihadist discussions of such "body bombs" long preceded the intention to deploy full-body scanners as a security measure. In PAIB No. 27, ITRR analysts suggested that future jihadist attacks may involve a tactic used in August 2009 by ***AL-QA'IDA* OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (**AQAP**) in Yemen to strike Prince Mohammed Bin-Nayef inside the prince's own palace using

explosives inserted inside the bomber's body cavity. As noted by ITRR analysts at the time, this tactic received extensive attention in jihadist circles.

Of note was the fact that the explosives inside the terrorist's body cavity failed to kill the target, even in close proximity, due to the impact absorption provided by the perpetrator's own body. ITRR analysts are of the view that the plan to surgically implant explosives closer to the surface of the suicide-bomber's skin is directly related to that lesson learned by AQAP.

Regarding threats to the Pennsylvania transportation systems, ITRR analysts reiterate that increasing international traffic at Philadelphia International Airport, along with its central location, significantly raises its profile as a target for jihadist agents seeking to detonate implanted devices in American airspace. As the second-most well-traveled airport in Pennsylvania, and as a US military transit point with facilities for military personnel and their families, Pittsburgh International Airport would also be a high-profile target for such terrorists.

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

12. ***'End-the-Fed' March and Rally in Pittsburgh***

On 3 July 2010, monetary reform activists are holding an "End the Fed" march and rally in Pittsburgh, calling to eliminate the Federal Reserve. Organizers have called on supporters to "raise your voice in protest and respectfully inform as many people in the Pittsburgh Area as possible."

The march is slated to begin at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (57 21st Street) at 11:00 am and proceed to the Federal Reserve Building (717 Grant Street).

As noted in PAIB No. 62, a similar event was held in Philadelphia in April 2010, billed as the "official" local event for End the Fed activities.

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

ITRR Analysts' Note: Expect the above event to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No violence, vandalism or rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

13. ***Confirmed Pennsylvania TEA Party Rallies***

The Fourth of July 2010 is the catalyst for several Tea Party events in Pennsylvania, as noted in the "Actionable Date Reminders" section in previous PAIB.

Among these are confirmed rallies taking place at:

- Greensburg/Jeannette Regional Airport, Airport Road, in Claridge, on 3 July.
- Mercer County Courthouse Square in Mercer, on 3 July.
- LOVE Park and 500 Market St. in Philadelphia, on 4 July.

Other previously noted Tea Party events which have not been confirmed include gatherings in:

- Avondale (8964 Gap Newport Pike) on 4 July;
- Gettysburg (Adams County Courthouse) on 4 July;
- Bethel Park (5098 Alicia Dr.) on 4 July;
- Harrison City (Bushy Run Battlefield) on 4 July;
- Jeannette (Bushy Run Battlefield State Park) on 4 July;
- Erie (City Hall) on 4 July; and
- Pittsburgh (Flag Staff Hill AKA Schenley Park) on 4 July.

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

ITRR Analysts' Note: Expect the above events to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No illegality, violence, vandalism or other rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control and manage possible counter-protests.

Nonetheless, a small chance exists that more radical anti-government elements will be inspired to "direct action" targeting government offices. In addition, confrontations between Tea Party protesters and their opponents on the sidelines of the events may escalate into physical conflict.

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

14. ***Pride Festival in Harrisburg, Celebration in Reading***

On 24 July 2010, a Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LBGT - "Gay pride") parade and subsequent festival, PrideFest, are to take place in Harrisburg. The parade, which will include what the organizers say are "outrageous" costumes, will take place on Front Street (between North and Walnut). The festival is to be held at Riverfront Park.

The parade, riverfront festival, pre-festival and post-festival events are all billed as the Pride Festival of Central Pennsylvania.

On 18 July 2010, the Reading Pride Celebration is slated to be held in Centre Park, Reading. The event is organized as part of an effort "to Celebrate Unity and Diversity in the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Community of Reading and Berks County."

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

ITRR Analysts' Note: Expect the above events to conform to legal constraints and conditions. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control and manage possible counter-protests.

Nonetheless, as noted in several PAIB in May and June 2010, ITRR researchers have recently seen indications of focused anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and right-wing militia supporters. Overseas (PAIB No. 90), LGBT pride parades in Eastern Europe have been disrupted or halted by dozens of neo-Nazis throwing stones, eggs and smoke bombs into the celebrating crowds.

While as of this writing no communications indicating plans for such violent activity has been identified, confrontations between anti-gay protesters and celebrating individuals may escalate into physical conflict.

At least one organization, ANONYMOUS, has claimed that the fiercely anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) will be sending a delegation to protest against the above-mentioned Harrisburg events. ITRR analysts were unable to confirm this claim as of this writing. ANONYMOUS indicated that its members would be on hand to counter-protest WBC activists, although the date and timing of the counter-protest also remains to be confirmed. ITRR will continue to monitor for details on protest / counter protest activity.

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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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