# PENNSYLVANIA ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING #9

## TARGETED ACTIONABLE MONITORING CENTER

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## ONGOING RESEARCH

- ***German Assets Targeted by al-Qaeda***: TAM-C analysts reported in PAIB01 (30 October 2009) that Jihadists were targeting American infrastructure inside Germany and/or German infrastructure inside America, in order to "kill two birds with one stone." On 5 November 2009, a German Red Cross worker was shot by a gunman on a motorcycle in the Muslim province of Aceh, Indonesia. On 16 November, the house of the European Union representative in Aceh was shot, also by a gunman on a motorcycle. Local residents have explained both incidents as radicals trying to terrorize foreigners. TAM-C analysts are monitoring the situation in Aceh to determine whether these two incidents are expressions of general anti-Western sentiment – or – if they are directly linked to the reported al-Qaeda threats against German assets throughout the world, such as German commercial, cultural, and diplomatic sites in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- ***End the Fed:*** TAM-C reported in PAIB04 (6 November 2009) about planned libertarian rallies across the nation on 22 November 2009, including one targeting the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. TAM-C researchers have now identified a Pittsburgh "End the Fed" march scheduled for 21 November 2009. Activists will meet at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Church at 57 21st street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 at 12PM and march to the Federal Reserve Bank at 717 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. TAM-C analysts have identified individuals associated with these events who have expressed anti-Semitic, anti-government,

and/or conspiratorial statements. The potential for problems during the Pittsburgh rally is aggravated by the fact that the march is preceded by a "pub crawl."

- ***"Santa" Protests EPA**:* TAM-C reported in PAIB05 (9 November 2009) that environmental activists were planning to hold Christmas-themed protests against the EPA in December. TAM-C researchers have since identified the specific date as 4 December 2009. Organizers, though calling for non-violent protests, are also encouraging Santa-clad activists to behave "drunk and obnoxious." Organizers promise this event is only the first of several protests against pollution and mountaintop removal scheduled nationwide for December 2009. TAM-C recommends security personnel responsible for securing the EPA building in Philadelphia (as well as other energy-related sites) prepare for protests on 4 December and throughout the month.

## SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS

### SECTORS: CHEMICAL, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

***Terrorists Target Train***

A new attack by terrorists from United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), a separatist group in India's Assam state, has highlighted the threat to volatile commodities transported by rail.

On 17 November, a freight train transporting oil across northeast India exploded after hitting an IED that terrorists had rigged to the tracks. The explosion destroyed at least 12 tankers and derailed four others. The combination of the explosion and the fuel leakage damaged over 980 feet of rail track.

Each of the targeted tankers was carrying 70,000 liters of high-speed diesel fuel, estimated to be worth about $50,000 US dollars.

The explosion could be seen from three miles away, and the resultant fire lashed 330 feet into the air. A small bridge was also reportedly damaged in the carnage, though there were no human casualties.

Authorities were forced to stop all train service in the region, and military fire engines were required to fight the blazing inferno. Firefighters contained the fire after 12 hours, but they were forced to wait for the fuel to burn itself out due to the nature and location of the disaster. Restoration work was hampered by the extreme heat in that region.

Rail police sources said that 122 feet of flexible wire - most likely for detonation of the explosives - were found in the area leading to the scene of the bombing.

Just two days earlier, 15 bogies of the Mandore Express derailed in Rajasthan, leaving nine dead and dozens of others injured. While investigators are leaning towards human error in that case, they have not completely ruled out sabotage.

ULFA, which is fighting for its own ethnic-state in historic Assam (an energy-rich region in northeast India) claimed responsibility for the attack. The group's ideology is revolutionary and nationalistic. It is listed as a terrorist organization by the Indian government and as a “Group of Concern by the US State Department.

This is not the first time ULFA attacked a key energy resource: in a midnight raid on August 2005, 12 ULFA terrorists overtook security personnel guarding an Indian pipeline. Terrorists planted an explosive on the pipeline, escaped, and then blew it up via remote control. As a result, the facility's operations and storage capacity were severely damaged.

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

This attack coincides with a new $32 million-dollar project that promises to dramatically expand freight-rail service in Pennsylvania by introducing "double-stacked" freight trains that can carry twice as much cargo.

In light of the fact that Pennsylvania has more railroads than any other state in the nation, and will soon be transporting more goods than ever before; TAM-C analysts advise security personnel responsible for protecting freight trains carrying oil, natural gas, and other sensitive materials to take precautionary measures.

The bombing of the oil train in Assam resulted in serious economic and material damage, rather than human casualties. However, the possibility of a far more devastating explosion and widespread consuming fires cannot be easily dismissed, especially in light of the various toxic or hazardous substances currently transported by rail in various regions.

Terrorists are keen to both disrupt the economic life of targeted societies and to cause large-scale destruction. Attacks targeting energy or other key supplies and commodities transported by rail serve that dual purpose, while also being relatively vulnerable to attack.

**SECTORS: BANKING AND FINANCE, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, ENERGY, NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE**

***Radical 'Climate Justice' Actions***

The 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen is scheduled for 7-18 December 2009. Climate activists are gearing up to stage protests across the globe.

Anarchist groups have based their plans around the fact that the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (COP15) will fall close to the 10-year anniversary of the Seattle WTO protests on 30 November 1999.

The activists are mindful of how massive protests and direct actions successfully affected the WTO summit, dissolving it in a cloud of teargas. Seattle has become a symbolic reference point for the world's 'anti-globalization' movement.

The groups actually going to Copenhagen intend to shut down the COP15. Those who can't travel to Copenhagen plan to honor the 10th anniversary of the Seattle riots by asserting themselves in very aggressive direct actions within their local areas.

The Anarchists' parallel to COP15: in addition to the protests that will be viewed around the world, thousands of people will come together at the Danish Anarchists' Klimaforum09.org to discuss and plan strategies, from increasing legal lobbying efforts to strengthening international networks of Anarchist confrontation.

Their planned aggressive behavior is a crucial component of their overall strategy – they want their voices to be heard in real-time during the summit and not just as a lead-up to the main negotiations.

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

30 November 2009 has been declared a "Global Day of Action for Climate Justice" by Anarchist groups that are planning aggressive acts of direct action throughout the United States and the rest of the world. Additional days of aggressive direct action are scheduled to occur during the COP15.

As of 18 November 2009, Pennsylvania-based infrastructure has not been named as a target in any research conducted by this organization. However, there is a high probability that actions planned across the world will influence power plants and energy facilities in Pennsylvania. TAM-C analysts are continuing to conduct research to attempt to identify the direct targeting of Pennsylvania-specific personnel and assets.

TAM-C strongly recommends enhanced security measures for energy infrastructure in the Commonwealth prior to 30 November 2009 and through the period of the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (7-18 December 2009).

## SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

### *Tourist Sites Targeted in Turkey*

On 2 November 2009, Turkish officers took command of NATO forces in the Kabul region of Afghanistan. Turkey increased its force deployment in the region from 900 to 1,700 soldiers.

This change of command, which handed local military control to an ostensibly Muslim state, was bitterly criticized by jihadist communications intercepted and interpreted by TAM-C native-Arabic researchers:

1. Turkey is identified as a "first-class tourist destination, visited by thousands of Jews and Christians." The towns of Marmaris and Bodrum are specifically singled out as "satisfactory targets" for an al-Qaeda attack.

2. Turkey is identified as “a second Pakistan.” TAM-C understands this to mean that Turkey could become a high-priority target for jihadists; regularly torn asunder by bloody terror attacks in order to spread jihadi-controlled territory, just as is happening in Pakistan.

3. An individual jihadist predicts that “the Mujahideen [holy fighters] will kill the Turks just like the Turks killed their Masters [the Crusaders].”

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

In the state of Pennsylvania, TAM-C researchers identified at least eight study-abroad programs to Turkey scheduled for the 2009-2010 academic year:

- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Pennsylvania
- Bucknell
- Penn State
- Muhlenberg
- Drexel
- Albright
- Robert Moore

These programs to Turkey include student and scholar exchanges, fellowships, scholarships, short-term and long-term study-abroad options, and faculty-led trips.

Some programs are one-time, discrete events while others are ongoing, open to enrollment throughout the year. Some programs are closely supervised by the universities while others are outsourced to third-party providers. But almost all of these programs include tours and site-visits to the very places targeted by the Jihadists - tourist destinations and Jewish/Christian holy sites.

TAM-C analysts recommend that academic institutions and providers sponsoring current or future programs in Turkey should inform participants of the potential danger at this time, especially when visiting tourist, religious, and/or Western-affiliated sites.

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