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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

Present - 11 July 2010: The FIFA 2010 World Cup in South Africa has generated intense and serious jihadist communications regarding the execution of attacks during and at the games. Pennsylvania-based students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions should be made aware of the specific risks associated with attending World Cup games this year. Jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events. ITRR analysts note that the jihadist communications take on added concern due to ongoing high-profile professional sporting events in Pennsylvania.

Present - 4 July 2010: Wawa Welcome America Festival in Philadelphia, including festivities, with indoor and outdoor events in various city locations.

29 June-6 July 2010: **EARTH FIRST!** 2010 Round River Rendezvous, training and strategy-building week, in the North Woods of Maine (see Pennsylvania-specific indicators herein).

3 July 2010: A protest rally to "Declare Your Independence from War, Oil and Corporate Power" rally in Philadelphia, organized by the Brandywine Peace Community and Shalom Center. Activists are to gather in the Independence Visitors Center, 6th and Market St., before the start of the Philly Pops Concert Celebration.

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4 July 2010: Independence Day celebrations. In addition to necessary stepped up security arrangements, also notable for protests and rallies targeting state policies (see herein and previous PAIB editions for more information).

4 July 2010: Tea Party rallies are slated for:

- Philadelphia (LOVE Park and 500 Market St.)
- Avondale (Chester County, 8964 Gap Newport Pike)
- Gettysburg (Adams County Courthouse)
- Bethel Park (Allegheny County, 5098 Alicia Dr.)
- Harrison City (Westmoreland County, Bushy Run Battlefield State Park)
- Jeannette (Westmoreland County, Bushy Run Battlefield State Park)
- Erie (Erie County, City Hall)
- Pittsburgh (Flag Staff Hill AKA Schenley Park).

6 July 2010: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu due to visit Washington. (See details herein for details.)

15-19 July 2010: Animal Rights National Conference 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia: "the world's largest and longest-running animal rights gathering." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

16-18 July 2010: The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual assembly in Boston, Massachusetts.

16-19 July 2010: A multi-state militia - the 2-4 Mid-Atlantic Citizen Homeland Security Association (2-4 MACHSA or "Mountain Men"), active along the Mason-Dixon Line of Maryland and Pennsylvania - is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in Pennsylvania.

29 July 2010: Arizona's controversial immigration law SB 1070 to be enacted. Anarchists and immigrants' rights activists are prepared to "escalate resistance" nationwide.

30 July-31 August 2010: The anarchist organization, **CRIMETHINC**. is planning "a decentralized convergence." One specified rolling event is the Conspiracy Tour throughout several US states,

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from 25 July through 25 August 2010. Tentative Conspiracy Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania include:

- **30-31 July 2010** in Pittsburgh
- **3 August 2010** in Philadelphia

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. ***Free Mumia and Contributing Influences***

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. The rally is to take place on Market St., between 5th and 6th, in Philadelphia.

The theme has been designated as, "What, to the slave, is the 4th of July?" and "Freedom of Mumia and all political prisoners at the Ancestral Uprising!"

As of this Bulletin, there is ongoing, pivotal litigation before the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, requesting a new jury trial re: the question of the death penalty. In addition, Abu-Jamal's lawyer has appealed to the heads of the Justice Department (see PAIB No. 75) and is circulating a petition against the pending execution to be delivered to President Obama.

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

ITRR analysts note that the supporters of *Mumia Abu Jamal* lay blame for his imprisonment and pending execution at the feet of both the US government and the Pennsylvania criminal justice system. ITRR analysts suggest that a period of activity on behalf of Abu Jamal, including events Pennsylvania, can be expected for the remainder of this month and into July.

As of this Bulletin, there are no indications of planned violence or civil disobedience on his behalf; however there are several local and national factors and influences that raise the risk level for such violence at this time. These include:

- The likely rejection of the "Free Mumia" appeal increases the possibility of more radical actions by individual supporters of Abu Jamal. These supporters may come to reject peaceful means, which they will see as having failed them.
- ITRR analysts note that the Free Mumia movement has been essentially "adopted" by extremist left-wing anarchists worldwide as one of their anti-state causes.

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- A trial in Los Angeles, California, has also drawn the attention of radical racial activists and anarchists. Johannes Mehserle, a former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer, is on trial for the shooting of African-American youth, Oscar Grant, in Oakland, California, on New Year's Day 2009. ITRR analysts have identified a high potential for street violence at the conclusion of the Oscar Grant homicide trial if the defendant is not found guilty (although it is unknown at this time when exactly the verdict will be rendered). Cities at risk include Oakland and Los Angeles, of course, but also San Francisco and, potentially, other cities nationwide with significant radical African-American activism or anarchist groups.

- Furthermore, in January 2009 (as noted in PAIB No. 36 and thereafter), anarchists worldwide repeatedly expressed admiration for the very destructive riots that took place in Oakland immediately following the Grant shooting.

- The G20 riots, vandalism, street protests and property destruction in Toronto have invigorated certain anarchist and left-wing radical elements. Therefore, protests on behalf of Mumia or, potentially, against the Mehserle verdict are likely to draw a broad, dangerous cross-section of opportunistic activists.

SECTORS: BANKING AND FINANCE, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND ENERGY

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

EARTH FIRST!, the radical environmentalist organization that boasts of its "direct action" credentials, has announced two camping and tactical training sessions next month.

- The Earth First! North Woods Round River Rendezvous, scheduled for 29 June-6 July 2010, is billed as "a weeklong gathering for anyone interested in or involved in the Earth First! movement" in Maine's North Woods. In addition to ideological, wilderness survival and topical discussions, participants will have the opportunity to take part in "direct-action and skills training", as well as lessons in "war tax resistance" and "self-defense."

- The Earth First! Croatan "Regional Rondy" is slated for 9-12 July 2010 in the Pisgah National Forest near Blowing Rock, North Carolina. At that "rendezvous," Earth First! supporters will, among other things, learn about: "Basic & Advanced Tree Climbing (with experienced trainers from across the country), Making Pods (bi-pods & tri-pods as a blockade tactic), Blockading I & II, Security Culture, Stealth & Scouting, and more."

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

ITRR analysts believe that the aforementioned gatherings themselves will likely be peaceful and legal, as was specifically emphasized in one of the Earth First! communications. However, the 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.

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Expanding circles of environmentalists and "green anarchists," explicitly including Earth First! (as noted in PAIB No. 68), are willing to embrace escalating eco-terrorism of one form or another. ITRR analysts therefore recommend those security personnel responsible for mass transit, telecommunications, ports, fuel stations, coal plants and other facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests in the past plan for immediate action to heighten situational awareness.

As reported in PAIB No. 90, supporters of Earth First! are forming a new network in the upstate New York-Pennsylvania region. ITRR analysts have identified several specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania:

- Branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America
- Coal companies involved in open pit or "mountain top removal" coal operations and power companies that use this coal
- Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency
- Offices of Duke Energy
- Specified in recent Earth First! networking communications as a high priority target in the New York-Pennsylvania region: the Marcellus Shale area gas drilling project

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. ***Jihadist Determination in Reaction to Russian Counter-terror Campaign***

Apparently in reaction to the repeated threats and sporadic terrorist attacks in recent months by the **ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF CAUCASUS** (**IEC**) terrorist organization, according to Russian media, the Russian military is carrying out a "massive" operation to capture IEC leader, *Dokka Umarov*.

In the meantime, the man identified as the tactical leader of the IEC, *Emir Magas*, has been captured.

In reaction to the capture of *Magas*, Caucasus-based jihadist communications identified by ITRR analysts emphasized the great loss, but added, "If the victory or defeat of Islam depended only on certain individuals, then the Jihad in Ingushetia and in the entire Caucasus would have long ended."

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

Regardless of the continuing success of the Russian counterterrorism campaign, ITRR analysts believe the Caucasus-based jihadist groups are already under great pressure to prove organizational resilience by carrying out a new major attack. Such an attack would also serve to assert the authority of the hunted and reportedly ill *Umarov*, as well as consecrating the leader

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who will replace the captured *Magas*. It is therefore likely that IEC terror cells will soon attempt attacks within Russian towns and cities, assuming their operational capabilities and communications have remained intact.

As recommended in past PAIB Bulletin, Pennsylvania-based students attending Russian educational institutions through programs such as those of Bryn Mawr College in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladimir should be made aware of the current increase in risk of attack throughout Russia. Researchers and linguists pursuing continuing studies through American Councils and similar programs in the Caucasus regions of Russia are particularly vulnerable to attack and abduction by local jihadist elements.

While there are, as yet, no indications of IEC or other Caucasus terrorist capability in North America, the increasing globalization of **AL-QAEDA** and its affinity groups/cells leaves open the very real possibility of such capability developing just below the radar. In addition, lone-wolf jihadists of Slavic or Caucasus background may be inspired by aggressive anti-Russian incitement in Russian-language jihadist communications (see PAIB No. 87 for more).

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *Plot to Bomb Danish Embassy in Jakarta*

A foiled terrorist plot in Indonesia has again confirmed the globalized nature of the jihadists' war for the supremacy of Islam.

According to Jakarta police, two wanted terrorists have been arrested in Central Java for planning to detonate explosives in the midst of Police Day celebrations and to bomb the Danish Embassy in the city. Another terrorist, who was assigned to murder policemen, was killed earlier in clashes with security forces.

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

As cited in PAIB No. 99, **AL-QAEDA** and its supporters expressed the intention to attack Danish assets in the Arabian Peninsula. While the targets of priority named in those communications are within the Arabian Peninsula, ITRR analysts at the time suggested that the risk indicators encompass Danish assets globally, as has been confirmed by the Jakarta plot.

As noted in PAIB Nos. 84 and 89, Islamists have also not been reticent to physically target those individuals deemed to have offended Muslim beliefs. Lone-wolf actions may be attempted at locations believed to be connected to individuals or organizations deemed by Islamists to have denigrated Islam.

Pennsylvania-based students and faculty participating in educational exchange programs at Danish facilities (e.g., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield University and Westminster College should be made aware of the apparent immediate jihadist intention to strike Danish-oriented assets. In addition, situational awareness should be heightened at/in proximity to Danish or Danish-identified assets

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worldwide. ITRR analysts note that outside the Arabian Peninsula, lone-wolf or small cell actions are the most likely form of terrorist action.

In addition, ITRR researchers reiterate that recent adversarial communications from November and early December 2009 encouraging lone-wolf terrorism against CONUS and European countries including the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, as well as Denmark. Students, researchers, business travelers and tourists are advised to increase situational awareness in the named states.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

5. *Anti-Israel Activism, Attacks as Israeli PM Plans US Visit*

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is slated to meet with Washington leaders on 6 July 2010. Originally, Netanyahu was to hold the high-level meetings in late May, but canceled them in the wake of the deadly Gaza flotilla incidents off the Gaza coast.

In response to the news of the Israeli leader's impending visit, anti-Israel activists in California have announced a protest at the Israeli consulate in San Francisco. They are planning to gather on the same day as Netanyahu's meeting with the US President.

More generally, Jewish and Israeli assets have been targeted globally over the past week - some by vigorous anti-Israel activists, others by violent anti-Semites. These include:

- As noted in PAIB No. 101, hundreds of anti-Israel protesters picketed at the Port of Oakland in California on Sunday in an effort to prevent or delay an Israeli cargo ship from docking. The protest was organized, in part by the far-left radical **ANSWER COALITION**. The group's spokesperson claimed that they had succeeded in preventing the ship from docking for several hours, but Israeli officials deny that there was any delay.

- A powerful bomb exploded outside a Russian synagogue last week. There were no injuries, but a large hole was blown in the door of the *Tver* synagogue, the fence was damaged and windows in nearby homes were shattered. The explosion could be connected to a series of vandalism incidents at the Jewish cemetery in *Tver*.

- A Jewish dance group was attacked last week while performing at a street festival in Hanover, Germany; one person was injured. The dancers were pelted with stones by predominantly Muslim immigrants screaming, "*Jueden raus"* ("Jews (get) out" in German.)

- Earlier incitement came in the form of an English-language musical video composed by an American *al-Qaeda* supporter entitled, "When the Jew's Blood Reds My Knife, Then My Life is Free from Strife." It has been shared widely over the Internet.

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

ITRR analysts expect that the Netanyahu visit will trigger additional anti-Israel protests elsewhere in the US. Such events would focus primarily on Israeli embassies and consulates, such as the consulate in Philadelphia. However, it is of note that anti-Israel protests in reaction to the confrontation over the Gaza flotilla took place in Pittsburgh and Reading, as well.

In PAIB No. 93, ITRR noted that jihadist communications have already stepped up discussions of "revenge" targeting of Jews, Israelis and Americans in response to the Gaza maritime blockade. All Israeli-identified assets worldwide are already under increased risk of uncontrolled protests or physical attack. Such assets include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events (including pro-Israel rallies and counter-protests that may be called in reaction to events in the Middle East).

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone wolf calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

6. *Hindu Pilgrims Threatened by Jaysh Muhammad*

Indian security forces were alerted earlier this month to a specific jihadist threat to attack pilgrims using the railways to reach Hindu shrines in *Mathura* (*Uttar Pradesh*) and *Chennai* (*Tamil Nadu*). The threat also mentioned that the method of attack may be to target packed train lines with a series of explosions and requested that Muslims avoid those lines serving Hindu shrines.

The threat, in the form of a letter sent to a media outlet, was purported to be from the Pakistan-based ***JAYSH MUHAMMAD*** (JM; The Army of Muhammad; http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/para/jaysh-muhammad.htm) organization.

LASHKAR-E-TOIBA (LeT; Army of the Pure), a jihadist group with links to *al-Qaeda*, had earlier threatened to strike trains in other regions, as well.

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

Although the JM threat specified June 17 and 20 as target dates for attack, Indian railway security forces and police remain on heightened alert.

As discussed in several previous PAIB Bulletins, jihadist elements have continued their efforts to strike Indian assets, especially in the *Jammu* and *Kashmir* regions, although far from exclusively. Of note is that LeT has successfully conducted many suicide and "leave behind" bombing operations in western and central India, as well as coordinated suicide small arms attacks against civilian targets.

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Researchers and faculty at New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India, as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania, should be advised of the ongoing high risk of jihadist attack on public venues, railway assets, and tourist sites or other Western-identified venues.

In addition, Indian targets outside the subcontinent may be singled-out by elements sympathetic to the Indian jihad. There is a limited risk of jihadist lone-wolf targeting of Indian assets in Pennsylvania, such as Hindu and Sikh temples, or activities of the Indian Cultural Association of Pennsylvania.

No actionable information/intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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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 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.
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 expected imminently.

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