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ONGOING RESEARCH

Addendum: 'Hands Across the Sands' Additional PA Location

A unique nationwide campaign called Hands Across the Sands, first discussed in PAIB No. 100, is a series of peaceful, silent protests to take place on 26 June 2010. In addition to the protest sites specified in PAIB No. 100, ITRR researchers have become aware of an additional Pennsylvania venue: North Shore Riverfront Park in Pittsburgh.

1. *Anti-Israel Activists Targeting Importers*

Anti-Israel protesters picketed at the Port of Oakland in California 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**. Such tactics are likely to be emulated in other port cities and in those cities which host companies importing from Israel. In Pennsylvania, this means the Port of Philadelphia and the Port of Chester, which both receive Israeli imports, as well as Pennsylvania companies importing from Israel on a regular basis. (See PAIB No. 101 for a list of such firms)

2. ***Irish Separatists Continue Their Campaign***

In a significant attack this month, for example, 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)

3. ***Militarized Anti-Government Movements Growing 'Restless'***

Recent communications from extremist militia forums indicate a growing restlessness and self-reinforcing feeling of impending confrontation with the federal government. Comments such as "to arms," "it is time now" and "just say the word" are appearing in communications from some rank-and-file militia members, although most of the leadership of such organizations is publicly avoiding that rhetoric at the present time.

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." Their targets include FEMA, the United Nations, banks, as well as the police, the military and other federal agencies. The RNEM group appears to have a Pennsylvania chapter and supporters of other anti-federal militias are active in the state as well. (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73 and 88)

4. ***Jihadists, Anti-Israel Terrorists Promise 'Revenge' Over Gaza Flotilla***

Both international jihadist groups and individuals, as well as ***HAMAS*** and the armed wing of the Palestinian Authority's ruling Fatah faction, have declared their intention to take "revenge" against Israel (or Israelis, Jews and Americans) for the deaths of nine anti-Israel militants aboard the Turkish ship that attempted to run Israel's blockade of Gaza last month. 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 in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 93, 94 and 96)

5. *Regional Anarchist Training in Boston*

The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual national assembly in Boston from 16-18 July 2010, which is to include "workshops or skillshares." 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; anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities." ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for relevant targeting information. (PAIB Nos. 94 and 98)

6. *Anarchists Preparing for G8/G20*

Starting the process towards a successful demonstration and "direct action" against governments, capitalist economies, borders requiring travel documents and climate change, Canadian anarchists are focusing their attention on Toronto and the G8 and G20 meetings slated for 25-27 June 2010. The **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is stepping up its own activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 59, 73 and 89)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

7. *Kurdish Terrorist Groups Striking Turkish Cities*

A shuttle bus carrying military personnel was hit with an improvised, explosive device (IED) Tuesday morning (22 June 2010) in the Turkish city of Istanbul. At least five people were killed in the explosion. The bomb went off when the bus was in proximity to a military barracks.

The **KURDISTAN FREEDOM FALCONS** (a.k.a. **FREEDOM HAWKS OF KURDISTAN**; **TAK**) terrorist organization has claimed responsibility for the attack. ITRR analysts note that in December 2009 TAK issued a declaration explicitly threatening to strike within Turkish cities (as they have done in practice ever since 2005).

In addition, over the last week, a spokesman for the terrorist **KURDISTAN WORKERS PARTY** (**PKK**) threatened to launch attacks in the heart of Turkish cities if Turkey continues to press its counter-terrorism campaign against PKK bases in Iraq. Turkish forces recently bombed Iraqi PKK targets as part of an ongoing campaign involving periodic airstrikes (and more rarely, ground incursions) over the border.

The PKK spokesman warned that the group has sleeper cells already in position "in all the Turkish areas." The imprisoned PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan called for his organization to cease trying to negotiate with Turkey. As of this month, PKK has broken what they claimed was a year-long unilateral ceasefire with the Turks.

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

As ITRR researchers noted in PAIB No. 96, Kurdish terror attacks have been on a steep increase in recent months. As stated at the time, stepped up Turkish operations against the Kurdish insurgents, as well as increased activity by Kurdish terrorist forces based in Iraq during the summer months, the PKK's declared renewal of attacks, Turkish counter-terror initiatives, the TAK's explicit threats against Turkish cities - all indicate a period of increased risk in Turkey at the present time.

Preferred potential targets for Kurdish terror cells include government and military assets, army convoy routes, as well as high-profile tourist or cultural venues. There may be an increase in attacks on the latter, however, as PKK and TAK cells attempt to follow through on their threats. In 2009 several attacks on civilian targets in Turkey were believed to be PKK operations, including an attempted suicide bombing at Bilkent University in Ankara and several smaller bombings at public venues in Istanbul.

Faculty and students attending the Philadelphia-based American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as University of Pittsburgh summer school students in the country, are advised to maintain heightened situational awareness at the current time. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Turkish security forces.

SECTORS: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

8. ***Calls to '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."

The campaign of escalation, communications indicate, will start with attendance at a far-left knowledge-sharing event known as the US Social Forum, to take place in Detroit, Michigan, from 22-26 June 2010.

Activists are then called to "come to Arizona for the Day of Non-Compliance, July 29th, when SB 1070 is scheduled to go into effect."

Echoing and expanding on earlier statements by militant opponents of the Arizona law (see below), recent communications say: "We will make this summer a Human Rights summer everywhere. Wherever the Diamondbacks play, protest. Wherever there are new police/ice collaborations, push back. Wherever Arizona companies do business, boycott."

In addition, various rallies in support of SB 1070 have drawn denunciations and reactions, including counter-rallies, from several groups. These have included anarchists, radical members of the far-left and "open borders" militants.

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

As noted in PAIB No. 98, anarchists called for "direct actions in our local communities" when SB 1070 goes into effect on 29 July 2010. In May 2010, well-known community leaders opposed to the new law warned that unidentified "activists" are willing to commit acts of "civil disobedience" to fight it.

ITRR analysts believe the building opposition to the Arizona immigration law is significant enough, and widespread enough, to warrant heightened situational awareness among security personnel and law enforcement. Opponents of the law in Pennsylvania may target visiting Arizona VIPs, delegations or Arizona-related events in the coming weeks and months.

Regarding the plan to boycott Diamondback baseball games, certain immigrant rights activists have been sharing the team's game calendar and calling local opponents to the new Arizona law in every away game to protest the event. As the Diamondbacks play in the National League, they will be playing in Philadelphia in late July and in Pittsburgh in September 2010.

Security personnel responsible for the upcoming baseball games, stadium perimeters and all Arizona-related events must maintain awareness of plans for such protest activity, with an emphasis on crowd control and containment of militant agitation. As an additional concern, counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters requiring law enforcement intervention.

9. ***'Independence from Corporate Domination' Protest in Philadelphia***

The Brandywine Peace Community, in conjunction with the Shalom Center and other anti-war groups, is planning a protest at the Independence Visitors Center, 6th & Market St. in Philadelphia, on 3 July 2010. The theme of the protest is: "Declare Your Independence From War, Oil and Corporate Power."

The protest agenda ("before the start of the Philly Pops Concert Celebration") includes, "Music, Speakers, Dramatic Readings of Independence and Reading and Signing the 2010 Declaration of Independence from Corporate Domination drafted by Rabbi Arthur Waskow, director, Shalom Center."

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

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above event to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. As in other protests and events of this nature, however, there remains a small chance that more radical elements will be inspired to take "direct action," such as civil disobedience.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
ENERGY
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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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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