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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. *Interdictions of Domestic Jihadists Indicate Homegrown Risks*

Three successful counterterror interdictions publicized this month and last provide current indications of the risk posed by homegrown jihadists or jihadists operating from within North America.

Two men were arrested at the John F. Kennedy International Airport before they boarded planes to go join ***SHABAB AL-MUJAHIDEEN***, a jihadist group busily fighting to take over Somalia. The men were charged with conspiring to commit an act of international terrorism, as they were attempting to join a group tied to ***AL-QAEDA***.

Media reports on the case indicate that the two men had become radicalized recently and that their behavior had undergone a sea change. This was so disconcerting that family members assisted the authorities in apprehending them, according to open-source reports. Other Somali-Americans have been successfully recruited into the ranks of the Shabab, with some of them possibly returning to America for eventual activation as sleepers on behalf of Al-Qaeda or other jihadist entities.

In a separate case in Ohio, a man and woman of Lebanese background were arrested on charges they conspired to provide thousands of dollars to the Lebanese *Shi'ite* terrorist organization ***HEZBOLLAH***. In this case, according to the prosecution, the co-conspirators - a husband and wife - were to have been paid cash for facilitating the money transfer. While their Lebanese background may have helped facilitate the recruitment of the couple, due to their possible sympathies for Hezbollah's role in Lebanon, it is being assumed by prosecutors that the payment must also have played a role.

On 30 May 2010, an Aeromexico flight was denied permission to enter US airspace when it was discovered that a man on the No-Fly list was aboard. When the aircraft landed in Montreal, the man, Abdirahman Ali Gaall, was arrested by Canadian authorities. Gaall, a Somali suspected of having links to *Shabab Al-Mujahideen*, is reportedly a resident-alien in the US and is married to a North American citizen.

The above three cases are indicative of the ongoing recruitment of American citizens (or legal residents) and other Western Muslims into the ranks of jihadist organizations. In some cases, the groups desire to create active cells or individuals they can use against Western assets worldwide, as in the Shabab recruitment incident. In others, the Western-based Islamists serve as effective mules transporting illicit cash, narcotics, contraband or needed supplies.

Al-Qaeda has in recent years used more and more spokesmen with Western backgrounds - especially Americans and Germans. Evidently this is not only a strategic move both to demoralize and increase feelings of uncertainty among Westerners, but also to recruit more Western Muslims to their ranks.

In this context, ITRR notes the known phenomenon of radicalized Somali-Americans and other US citizens traveling to the Middle East and Africa for jihadist training. In order to increase awareness of the potential of such jihadist youths returning to the US for continuing terrorist activity, ITRR recommends that Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies maintain contacts within their regional Yemeni and Somali expatriate communities. It should be noted that the information leading to the surveillance and arrest of several would-be jihadists apprehended in recent years came from within the subjects' communities, and sometimes from within their own families.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. ***South Africa 'Digs Its Own Grave'***

Islamists have again initiated communications focused on South Africa as a target for *jihad*. That nation's "crimes" include being infidels, insulting Muhammad, supporting the Americans and hosting Israeli agents.

"Sometimes countries dig their graves with their own hands," a jihadist commentator observes, providing the example of Denmark ("Muslims didn't remember it for better or for worse, but when it insulted the prophet Muhammad its name was rising to the top of the list of countries that are hostile to Islam, and it got a threat that no other country got before from one of the jihadists, who wrote, 'We will erase you from the map.' ")

South Africa, he continues, "made a big mistake when one of its judges allowed the publication of an insulting picture of the prophet; and now it is not secure, since it has become a target."

The communication goes on to provide what it calls "ideological" and "strategic" information, such as, "South Africa is infidel and evil. South Africa is still hostile to the Muslims." As evidence, the writer claims that "the Somali Muslim community there is living under great fear, where the indigenous Africans are trying to exterminate them. Many of our Somali brothers have been killed, and their homes and work places were burned ..."

The jihadist also cites the arrest of a wanted *Al-Qaeda* terrorist in Cape Town as a motivational event. South African forces, he explained, captured the *Al-Qaeda* man and turned him over to the Americans.

"There are many African mercenaries in Iraq helping the Americans and the British to occupy the Muslim lands and to kill [the Muslims]," the communication claims, adding: "The Israeli Mossad has a huge presence in South Africa."

Of related interest, the communication also murkily adds: "The jihad fighters can use the South African nuclear project, but now is not the time to discuss the details."

ITRR researchers note that the above communication is part of an ongoing jihadist discussion focused on South Africa's status as a target for attack, which started on 4 June 2010.

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

Recently ITRR intercepted many threatening jihadist communications against the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, which opens on today, 11 June 2010.

The current communication, while giving validation and inspiration for a terrorist attack, does not provide tactical guidance. The communication may, however, provide further encouragement for lone-wolf or small cell terrorist activity. There is a small possibility that *Al-Qaeda* will be able to directly use local South African Muslim community members or criminal elements for its own attacks.

ITRR analysts note that prior jihadist communications provided similar motivation to target the countries involved in the FIFA World Cup. More broadly, as noted in PAIB No. 56, an Arabic-language communication intercepted by ITRR researchers explicitly notes that "tribes from the forests of ... South Africa and [other African states]" are prepared to act on behalf of Osama Bin-Laden.

The above mention of potential *Al-Qaeda* use of South Africa's nuclear assets is of note in light of a jihadist communication, cited in PAIB No. 72, that first implied the intent and capability to use a nuclear 'dirty bomb' of some kind in South Africa. ITRR analysts note that previous jihadist communications provided sufficient knowledge of soccer venues so as to be able to conduct a successful, mass casualty terror operation. More broadly, as noted in PAIB Nos. 42 and 47, jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events, using sports paraphernalia or infiltration of sports stadiums. The explicit reference to sports venues dove-tailed with previous jihadist, tactical communications regarding the use of Western-born terrorists wearing inconspicuous, event-appropriate clothing.

Students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions through the University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center (the Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad in KwaZulu-Natal), Pennsylvania State University (the Alliance for Education, Science, Engineering and Development in Africa, in conjunction with the University of Cape Town), and others, should be made aware of the specific risks associated with attending World Cup games this year. Of particular note is that the aforementioned University of Pennsylvania's Fulbright-Hays Project Abroad is slated to begin 11 June, the same day as the start of the World Cup, and to run through 8 August 2010.

ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness not only in close proximity to the stadiums, where there is likely to be heavy national security services coverage, but in the outer circles such as transportation hubs, Black townships and large hotels.

3. ***Anti-White South African 'Pogroms' Planned?***

In addition to the jihadist threat noted in the Bulletin, there have been reports in Zimbabwe's media that South Africa's AFRICAN National Congress (ANC) and local government agents are planning an ethnic-cleansing campaign targeting White South Africans and foreign Blacks. The organized 'pogroms,' if they are indeed in the works, are expected to be launched right after the World Cup.

According to sources in the Zimbabwe press, "The ethnic-cleansing campaign plans are already in full swing, identifying targets, [and] preparing use of hit squads." The same sources claim Zimbabwe military units will assist the campaign and have been training ANC activists.

For their part, many Afrikaners appear to fear just such a scenario. In open forums, some White commentators note that recently South African ministers have accused the Boers (Afrikaners) of interfering with "land reform efforts" and have warned that "Black farmers are growing impatient." One person worriedly noted: "We saw the ANC faithful chanting 'Kill the Boer, kill the farmer,' at a recent funeral for a top ANC leader. Who can stop what is coming?" Another pointed out that "Afrikaner farmers are being murdered at a rate that is 10 times the South African national average."

One Afrikaner farmer went so far as to file an affidavit with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague alleging that ANC Youth League leader, Julius Malema, incites his followers to rape, torture and murder Afrikaner farm owners.

In response to an increase in murders of Afrikaner farmers, including the head of a South African neo-Nazi organization, White supremacists of other countries held protests last month outside South African diplomatic facilities. In Stockholm, for example, the racist **SWEDISH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT** held a march to the South African embassy on 17 April 2010, "to show the Boer nation that they are not alone, that we are with them in their struggle for survival."

In the US, the **KU KLUX KLAN** and other neo-Nazi groups attempted to hold a protest outside the South African Embassy in Washington, DC on the same day. Due to internal squabbling, only three people turned-up for the rally. However, they were met by a dozen anti-Fascist and anarchist counter-protesters. Ahead of the event, the KKK and neo-Nazis called for demonstrations at South African consulates across the US.

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Pennsylvania State University (the Alliance for Education, Science, Engineering and Development in Africa, in conjunction with the University of Cape Town), and others, should be made aware of the specific risks associated with the apparently increasing racial tensions in the country. Particular risk in this regard may be associated with the post-World Cup period.

Due to the tense situation, if there are indeed anti-Boer racial incidents, there is a high likelihood of a quick deterioration in security. Afrikaners are likely to take up arms in their defense, while neo-Nazis may take up arms and initiate attacks of their own on Black and government targets.

ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness in transportation hubs, Black townships, large hotels and predominantly White neighborhoods.

SECTORS: EMERGENCY SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *(Still) Targeting Law Enforcement*

In Hemet, California, law enforcement officers discovered a vintage military rocket on the roof of a market, pointed in the direction of a nearby police facility. The inert training rocket was discovered 3 June 2010.

The rocket, if it was indeed intended to be launched at the police station, would be the latest in a string of attacks targeting Hemet police.

* As noted in PAIB No. 29, a massive bombing of the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Gang Task Force headquarters was narrowly averted on 31 December 2009. According to police, a natural gas line was diverted into the building with the intention of causing an explosion that would have leveled the building and killed everyone inside.

* The same police personnel were again targeted when a ballistic device attached to a security fence around the headquarters was triggered, a bullet nearly killing an officer who unlocked the fence gate.

* Riverside County police report that there have been several booby traps set for police officers, including explosive or ballistic devices attached to vehicles, around the targeted police station and elsewhere. One such attack involved the attaching of an improvised explosive device (IED) to an unmarked police vehicle when the officers briefly stepped into a convenience store.

* Several city vehicles and a police firing range were set on fire.

Sources quoted by the *Los Angeles Times* said that the attacks appear to be the work of a White supremacist gang.

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

In PAIB No. 70, ITRR analysts noted a growing trend of aspirational and active targeting of law enforcement agencies and personnel in North America. The adversarial actors include both criminal and ideological terrorist elements, with motivational influences ranging from jihadist communications to Mexican organized crime.

ITRR analysts observe that jihadist cells are most assuredly taking note of the feasibility of tactics used by criminal gangs, and the responses to the tactics, for their own planning of attacks on public facilities (especially police stations). In PAIB No. 19, ITRR researchers identified communications among Arabic speaking jihadists discussing targeting law enforcement facilities in the US. As inspiration for his idea, one jihadist cited the multiple homicides of police officers in the state of Washington on 29 November 2009.

ITRR analysts suggest that the lessons for North American law enforcement from the foregoing incidents are clear:

- Heighten situational awareness in the field
- Maintain vigilance even in the office
- Monitor the issuing and disposal of uniforms and equipment
- Maintain good communication for accountability
- Be especially aware of adversarial, pre-operational surveillance and probing.

SECTOR: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

5. *New Eco-Activism Motivation from a PA Court*

It was reported and discussed in eco-activist and animal rights forums that a Philadelphia federal appeals court on 10 June 2010 rejected an appeal by six members of **STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY** (**SHAC**), five of whom are currently in prison.

The six animal rights radicals, along with **STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY USA INC.** (known collectively as the **SHAC 7**), were convicted in 2006 under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2006 (an act to provide the Department of Justice the

necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror. Public law 109-374, 18 U.S.C. § 43) of interstate stalking and conspiring to abuse, threaten and harass the workers of at least ten companies. Their targets were either directly or indirectly involved in commerce with the Huntingdon Life Science (HLS) research center in New Jersey.

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

SHAC has targeted HLS, which uses animal subjects for testing, for corporate destruction since 1999. HLS's three hardened facilities (two in the UK, one in East Millstone, New Jersey) have provided frequent targets for mass demonstrations. However, in an approach developed by SHAC (which has proven relatively successful in the past), companies having any business links whatsoever with HLS and their executives are targeted by activists for harassment, threats, arson, vandalism and, sometimes, assault.

ITRR analysts note that radical groups often point to the failure of legal processes to obtain their ends as proof of the greater effectiveness of violence or instilling terror. In the case of SHAC, their intimidation tactics have indeed produced fruit in the form of scaring certain companies away from business with HLS. Therefore, the exhaustion of legal means of overturning the SHAC 7 convictions this month may be a trigger for stepped up animal rights activism or eco-terrorism targeting HLS business partners or similar targets.

In past years, animal rights activists in Philadelphia have advocated "to take it the homes of executives of some of HLS's top customers." More commonly, protests have been held at commercial outlets deemed to be associated with HLS in some way by animal rights activists.

For example, as cited in PAIB No. 39, ITRR analysts identified a clear determination among animal rights activists to focus on AstraZeneca over its product testing at HLS. Among the global facilities of AstraZeneca identified by SHAC and in related intelligence sharing forums were the company's US corporate headquarters in Wilmington and a research facility in Newark (both in Delaware), as well as a sales office in Wayne, Pennsylvania (an unincorporated community in Delaware County).

In another 2009 example of targeting by animal rights activists, the Philadelphia Animal Defense League protested at the Staples outlet on Chestnut St. in Philadelphia. The stated reason for the protest was that "Staples delivers office supplies to Huntingdon Life Sciences." A brief, heated confrontation ensued with the manager of the store.

SHAC, which is primarily based in the UK, regularly identifies global facilities of companies doing business with HLS. Top corporate targets of SHAC with Pennsylvania facilities include:

1. Novartis - or as its local subsidiary is known, Protez Pharmaceuticals - in Borough of Malvern, Chester County (30 Spring Mill Dr.)

2. FedEx in Sharon Hill Borough, Delaware County (501 Elmwood Ave., Elmwood Court)

3. The Bayer Corporation, with US headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Another company, Covance Inc., operating under the name Covance Research Products Inc., in Denver Borough, Pennsylvania (Lancaster County), was singled out by Stop Animal Exploitation Now! for alleged animal abuse violations.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

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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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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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