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REMINDERS

- **Current-19 July 2010:** Animal Rights National Conference 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia (http://www.arconference.org/overview.htm) "the world's largest and longest-running animal rights gathering." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

- **Current-19 July 2010:** A multi-state militia - the **2-4 MID ATLANTIC CITIZEN HOMELAND SECURITY ASSOCIATION** (**2-4 MACHSA** or "**MOUNTAIN MEN**", http://www.machsa.vit.im/homeconstruction.html), active along the Mason-Dixon Line of Maryland and Pennsylvania - is holding its first Annual Patriot Training in Butler Twp, Schuylkill County.

- **Current-31 August 2010:** In the general escalation in Irish republican terrorism, Marching Season (http://www.flashpoints.info/countries-conflicts/Northern_Ireland-web/n-ireland_parades_main.html) in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for violence, with the most significant risk surrounding the 12 July march. Students and faculty participating in overseas programs in Northern Ireland (e.g., Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology inter alia) should remain aware that these events could suddenly turn violent with little to no warning.

- **24 July 2010:** A LGBT (lesbian, gay. Bi-sexual and transgender "Gay pride") parade and subsequent festival, PrideFest (http://www.prideofcentralpa.org/),

are to take place in Harrisburg. The parade will progress down Front Street (between North and Walnut); the festival occurs in Riverfront Park. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd and traffic control and manage possible counter-protests. Particularly noteworthy are the recent anti-gay rhetoric and actions among White supremacists and some right-wing militia supporters.

- **29 July 2010:** Arizona's 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.** (http://www.crimethinc.com/) is planning what they have called "a decentralized convergence." One specified rolling event is the Conspiracy Tour (http://conspiracytour.wordpress.com/) throughout several US states, 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.

- **31 July 2010:** The radical, international, anti-Fascist organization **ANTIFA** and the **ANTI-RACIST ACTION** (**ARA**, http://antiracist.org/) network issued a nationwide "call to action" for this date. Multiple venues and any type of action are encouraged. Broad situational awareness is suggested regarding any upcoming demonstrations by groups deemed "fascist" (Tea Party, militia, Christian conservative, etc.), "racist" (Klan, White Power, Skinhead, etc.) or "anti-choice" (any Christian pro-life groups) by supporters of the ARA or Antifa.

- **6-9 August 2010:** An Anarchy Summer Camp in northern Virginia (the precise location kept confidential at the present time) "will help you prepare for the upcoming International Monetary Fund demonstrations this fall ... [and] will prepare participants for the demonstrations through workshops ... as well as real life exercises, such as tactical simulations." The IMF is scheduled to meet in Washington, D.C. **9-11 October 2010**. Skills and lessons learned can be expected to be put into effect in anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months, including in Pennsylvania.

- **6-9 August 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community is planning to hold two protests marking the World War II 1945 atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. On **6 August 2010** activists will gather outside the offices of defense contractor Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge for "civil disobedience and... arrest ..." On **9 August 2010**, the activists will gather at Philadelphia's City Hall and march to SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral.

- **9-12 August 2010:** Coal-Gen 20-Ten (http://www.coal-gen.com/index.html), the coal "industry's most dynamic event," is to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.

- **14 August 2010:** Radical White supremacists are promoting an event called the Euro - American Heritage Fest 2010 (AKA Euro-American Heritage Celebration, http://eahf.org/). It is slated to take place on "in the Wilkes-Barre / Scranton area," most likely in Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: Commercial Facilities and Government Facilities

1. ***Philadelphia Tea Party on the Mall***

A Tea Party rally, nicknamed UNI-TEA (http://www.uni-tea.com/), is slated for 31 July 2010 in Philadelphia. The event is to take place on Independence Mall and it will, among other agenda items, address charges of racism leveled at the Tea Party movement as a whole.

As promotional material for the all-day event declares, "This will be a national event with incredible speakers and bands - **the** Tea Party for ALL communities."

The event has already been noted and announced in internal communications of the Philadelphia Green Party (NW Greens), which is seeking to drum up opposition to the Tea Party.

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

As of this writing, the event is expected to conform to the established conditions for a legal protest although analysts have not validated Philadelphia police permits. No illegality, violence, vandalism or other rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd and traffic control and manage possible counter-protests.

However, confrontations between Tea Party movement members and their opponents may escalate into physical conflict at the Philadelphia rally. This degree of risk is higher at this time because (PIB No. 111) radical, international anti-fascist organizations **ANTIFA** and **ANTI-RACIST ACTION** (**ARA**) are promoting a "call to action" for this month. Both hope to promote "a mass, radical response to racist and fascist organizing," which, according to Antifa and ARA communications, explicitly includes Tea Party rallies.

As previously noted, ARA is known to have official contact information for Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

Sectors: Banking and Finance, Commercial Facilities, Energy, Government Facilities and Transportation Systems

2. ***In English, a 'Message'; In Arabic, Tactical Debate***

In the space of one week, intercepted jihadist communications have included both an English-language warning to Americans and a practical discussion of the advisability of targeting Wall Street with a "dirty bomb."

In what was billed as a "Message from an Islamic Soldier to America and its Citizens Around the World," a jihadist warned in English that Muslims "don't accept the shame and humiliation ... because the religion of Allah doesn't allow us to accept that ..."

The writer asked (*spelling and grammatical errors in the original - ed.*), "How can we allow unbelivers to control us??! Do you understand the message??!" He continued, warning, "I swear to you that there are a lot of Muslim men who are very interested by fighting you ... bringing the revenge on their top concerns and they are planning for attacking you and God willing they will come to you with things you don't see, don't hear about nor expect before if this remember you by events of 11/9 [*i.e., the 11 September 2001 attacks - ed.*] you may elevate the degree of preparedness at your airports."

Continuing the focus on air travel, the jihadist wrote: "Omar Al-Faruq brother's [*the failed Christmas Day bomber - ed.*] in the way to you, but if you think that your new sonographic devices in your airports preclude us from reaching our targets, i tell you that you have not understood the lesson well." He further added, "i d'ont advice you to believe that your aircraft carriers or ships are safe in sea and your planes are safe in air or they are far from the fire of our fighters and their ambushes ... And if you believed that you are safe in land, air or even sea, you should know that you are you still muffling in your deep sleep. We know very well that you have ordered your stary dogs in the governments of Egypt and Yemen to stop sailing of small fishing boats before your ship passing by in the water passage days before you come till you have leave fearing of us."

The "next shock," the communication warned, is "coming soon. ...God willing, we will attack you from where you don't expect. God willing, we will attack you in the sea, land and air."

The jihadist justified attacks on civilians, as well, saying, "Because of your attacks on unarmed, elders and Muslim women in the East and West of the world, we also attack your unarmed civilians East and West of the world. ... You should know very well that your civilian planes are legal targets for us. Of course, in addition to your fighter aircrafts as well as civil and military ships, and you should know that we learned from our mistakes in the past and in our next attack in sea we will do our best to make your ships dormant in the depths of the sea...."

Declaring that the jihadist movement has "bases in Afganistan, Iraq, Yemen,

Somalia, Jerusalem, Caucasus and Islamic Maghreb," the communication directed at the Americans concluded by warning, "In the near future, God willing, in a new chapter in the battle with you. God willing, the next attacks will make you forget shock of 11/9."

In the same communication, the writer issues "a call to my Islamic Ummah [*nation - ed.*]," in which he encourages all Muslims to take up jihad in order to obtain freedom for imprisoned Islamist women.

In same jihadist forum, this time in Arabic, communications were exchanged theorizing about the impact a "dirty bomb" would have were it detonated on Wall Street. Indicating a basic awareness of the American economy, the communication asks, "If we hit them in this particular time will it destroy all the steps that have been taken by the US administration and put them in a deep crisis? Can we attack that economy with economical attacks?" The discussion recognizes an attack's affect on the "confidence of the investors."

The communication also indicated the potential to use radioactive material in conjunction with an explosive device.

One response to the discussion of bombing Wall Street included: "It is better to attack the infidels because they can pressure their government. Of course they will feel the necessity of fighting the jihadists but in the same time, they know that they are not winning although there have been many years of war, and they will prefer to end it."

In other words, a jihadist said: "Kill the fighting infidels. Kill as many as you can."

Addressing another aspect, a jihadist said, "Attacking their economy can only succeed if you cut off the energy to them - meaning, control the Arabian Peninsula." When the time is right, he added, Al-Qaeda "can start killing the [Saudi] princes and attacking the oil wells with simple rockets."

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

Recognizing that the American economy is what permits the United States to project power around the world, previous jihadist targeting guidance requested that "all Muslims, whether students, businessmen, tourists, or citizens in the US to target the financial world" of America. The discussion to attack US financial centers has been ongoing among supporters of the international jihad for some time. As a result, there is a higher potential for lone-wolf terror attacks in American financial institutions, both internationally and on the home front.

As noted herein, the lengthy English-language communication focuses on maritime and air travel, both of which have also seen an increasing focus in jihadist operational discussions. The maritime ports and airports serving Pennsylvania remain desirable targets for jihadist attack, as mentioned in several previous editions of the PIB.

Finally, as noted in the Arabic-language communications above, the motivation to disrupt American oil supplies from within the Arabian Peninsula is also very high among jihadists. Such disruption, if sufficiently extensive, has the potential to affect oil supplies from to East Coast of the United States.

Sectors: Banking and Finance and Information Technology

3. ***Thousands of Israeli Passwords Stolen by Turkish Islamists***

Turkish Islamist hackers have reportedly obtained the online usernames and passwords of tens of thousands of Israelis, potentially giving the hackers access to bank, credit card and Pay Pal accounts. Possibly including the details of 100,000 Israelis, the extensive database has been shared on Turkish Islamist online forums.

According to an Israeli technology news forum, Islamist hackers have been debating the religious permissibility of using of the information thus illegally obtained. Most believe that non-Muslim enemies can be targeted with whatever means present themselves.

Israeli IT analysts have explained that the Turkish hackers, working as a virtual "cell," managed to break into a popular Israeli online service to obtain the information. While access to the initially targeted website was not critical, the methodology behind such hacks is based on the assumption that people often use the same username and password for multiple sites, including for their personal banking, credit card, phone service and PayPal accounts online.

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

A 2008 religious ruling from the *Al-Azhar Fatwa* Committee (Egypt) permitted the hacking and damaging of American and Israeli websites that cause "harm" to Islam or Muslims. Such actions are part of the "electronic jihad" that has been praised and is ongoing for many years.

The new twist in the above mass password theft is the theoretical potential for an unknown level of economic disruption in Israel, and potentially elsewhere, if the targeted accounts are not immediately secured.

Security personnel are advised to tighten IT security protocols as much as feasible, especially in those systems accessed by Israeli account holders, until the extent of the above security breaches can be assessed or mitigated.

More generally, the massive hack is indicative of the need for clear Operations Security (OPSEC) including password security protocols for online communications and business, because the ultimate effects of faulty IT security are very real - including everything from identity theft to intelligence intercepts to the compromising of valuable assets. In May 2010, over 25,500 Social Security numbers residing on Penn State University computer systems may have been

compromised due to IT security breaches. It is not yet known if there has been any malicious use of the exposed data.

Sectors: Commercial Facilities, Government Facilities and Emergency Services

4. ***Narco-Terrorism and New Aggressive Tactics***

In the ongoing war perpetrated by narco-terrorists in Mexico, it seems that the past week indicates some very clear escalations.

- On 16 July 2010, narco-terror gangs blocked at least ten roads, using buses and trucks, in southern and western Nuevo Laredo. Gang members were reportedly engaged in carjacking vehicles. Armed confrontations with soldiers ensued thereafter and at least three people were killed.

- Also on 16 July 2010, a car bomb was used to attack police and first responders lured to the target area by a false report of an officer down. Three people were killed in the attack in Ciudad Juarez, on the US-Mexico border. A Mexican commander said that the bomb may have been up to 22 pounds (10 kilograms) in weight and detonated remotely.

- Last month, suspected narco-terror gunmen assassinated two candidates during campaigning for local and state elections.

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

Mexico

The use of a car bomb by narco-terrorists is a new tactic on the Mexican security front. As the fallout from the bombing is observed by global and local terrorists, they will learn from the incident its various advantages and disadvantages. This tactic will likely be repeated by narco-gangs in order to send powerful messages to centralized authority.

While the gang targets for large-scale assaults are generally law enforcement officers, Mexican civilians have also been targeted for extortion and they have regularly fallen victim as incidental casualties. University of Pittsburgh students studying abroad at *Tecnologico de Monterrey*, in Mexico's volatile Nuevo Leon state (battleground for some of Mexico's deadliest gangs) are advised to heighten situational awareness for anything unusual in their surroundings, from abandoned bags and illegally parked cars through incongruous behaviors. Particularly at risk are areas in the vicinity of Mexican security forces' facilities.

Tactics and Strategy

Regarding the strategic aspect of the events in Mexico, there is a growing trend towards 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.

(PAIB Nos. 29 and 97) Law enforcement officers in Hemet, California, have been targeted this year and last using a rocket, a redirected natural gas line fed into a gang task force HQ, a ballistic device attached to a security fence, explosives attached to police vehicles and police stations, and arson. Sources quoted by the *Los Angeles Times* said that the attacks appear to be the work of a White supremacist gang.

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, communications among Arabic speaking jihadists cited the multiple homicides of police officers in the state of Washington on 29 November 2009 as inspiration for future operational techniques.

The lessons for federal and Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies 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.
- Remain aware of adversarial pre-operational surveillance and probing.

Sectors: Energy and Government Facilities

5. ***Stormy Meetings Over Gas Drilling in Delaware River Basin***
On Wednesday, 14 July 2010, over 600 environmentalist activists disrupted a hearing of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) in Trenton, New Jersey. The activists, from across the Eastern Seaboard, oppose natural gas drilling such as is currently under discussion in the Delaware River Basin.

Members and supporters of the Northern Wayne Property Owners Alliance (NWPOA) - who are in favor of preserving the right to sell their properties in the Delaware River Basin to energy companies - also attended the DRBC meeting. The landowners and anti-drilling protesters confronted each other in heated argument as they met outside the building where the DRBC hearing took place.

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

As noted in PIB No. 107, both NWPOA and anti-drilling activists called for their respective supporters to attend the aforementioned DRBC hearing. At the time, potential confrontations between pro- and anti-drilling activists at the meeting were highlighted.

In Pennsylvania, the escalating conflict over the Delaware River Basin, Susquehanna River Basin and much of Western Pennsylvania may define local fault lines and potentially increase area environmentalist activity or eco-terrorism. It should be noted that the Damascus area (Wayne County), where leading landowner advocates are active, has also been the scene of eco-terrorist vandalism to drilling equipment.

The **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (**NEAN**, http://neanarchist.net/) has also recently focused on the Marcellus Shale gas industry in its targeting and motivational communications. As reported in PIB No. 104, recent **EARTH FIRST!** (http://www.earthfirst.org/) networking communications have also focused on the Marcellus Shale gas industry as a high priority target in the New York-Pennsylvania region.

Analyst's Note: Local officials and law enforcement agencies should remain aware of the potential for large, sometimes hostile meetings of landowners, as well as of anti-drilling environmentalist militants. Confrontations between the two groups, such as that DRBC hearing previously-mentioned, may be triggered by further high-profile public meetings on the issue or by regional gas industry activities.

The following public meetings are schedule to deal with oil and gas wells (including Marcellus Shale wells) in Pennsylvania:

- 19 July at the Tunkhannock Area High School Auditorium in Tunkhannock, PA
- 21 July at Lycoming College Heim Science Center Building, Room G-11 at Williamsport, PA
- 21 July at 5 p.m. Allegheny County Council, Pittsburgh
- 22 July at the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s Northwest Regional Office, 1st Floor Conference Room in Meadville, PA
- 22 July at DEP's Southwest Regional Office, Waterfront Conference Room A and B, in Pittsburgh, PA
- 22 July U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public information meeting from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. EDT at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg, PA

- 29 July at 10:00 a.m., at the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA

Communities with small police departments are advised to prepare contingency plans in the event that such meetings or confrontations escalate significantly.

Sectors: Energy; Government Facilities and Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste

6. ***Anti-War, Anti-Nuke Training Events in July***
Two significant gatherings by anti-war and anti-nuclear activists are slated to take place this month:

- 28 July 2010: A coalition of anti-war activist groups will be holding the National United Antiwar Conference (NUAC) in Albany, New York. The objective is to bring "together antiwar and social justice activists from across the country." Attendees will be discussing "strategies that unite us in action - for mass mobilizations and a variety of other tactics that suit the agendas of the constituent groups."

- 30 July-9 August 2010: Think Outside the Bomb is holding its annual Disarmament Summer encampment in Chimayo, New Mexico. Along with training to be held at the encampment, attendees will be participating in "nonviolent direct actions focused on Los Alamos National Laboratory, the expansion of the nuclear weapons complex and the uranium mining needed to support this industry."

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

The annual NUAC event is not likely to become a security risk; however, the tactics and strategies shared there can be expected to be put into effect in anti-war actions throughout the northeast region in the following months.

On the other hand , the above-mentioned lengthy Disarmament Summer event has both immediate and explicit security implications for New Mexico law enforcement, as well as longer-term implications for law enforcement and nuclear facilities nationwide. Direct action tactics learned and implemented at the Think Outside the Bomb "encampment" are likely to be seen elsewhere.

As the 9 September anniversary of the Plowshares Eight 1980 "direct disarmament action" (trespassing and vandalism) 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 been non-confrontational, more radical elements may be inspired by the "direct action" training and the Plowshares Eight anniversary. Such individuals or small cells may

decide to take "direct action" themselves, such as civil disobedience, against nuclear facilities.

In Pennsylvania, nuclear facilities (Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom, Three Mile Island and Susquehanna Steam and Electric) 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 (PAIB Nos. 44, 50 and 57).

No emerging indicators, threats and/or warnings at this time for the following sectors:

Agriculture and Food
Chemical
Commercial Real Estate
Communications
Critical Manufacturing
Dams
Defense Industrial Bases
Government Facilities (*Educational Facilities Sub-Sector*): *Although not specifically mentioned herein, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.*
Healthcare and Public Health
Hotels and Lodging
National Monuments and Icons
Postal and Shipping
Private Security
Social Services
Water

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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