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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. Al-Qaeda Expanding its English-Language 'Marketing'

Al-Qaeda, through one of its most active branches, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), has decided to expand its outreach further into the English-speaking world.

Inspire is the name of the first official Al-Qaeda magazine in English. It is to be electronically published under the auspices of *Sada Al-Melahem* ("Echo of the Glory"), AQAP's periodical that thus far has only appeared in Arabic.

The premier issue of *Inspire* features articles with a practical message - such as "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom" ("a detailed yet short, easy-to-read manual on how to make a bomb using ingredients found in a kitchen"), "How to Use Asrar Al-Mujahideen: Sending and Receiving Encrypted Messages" (in a section called "Open Source Jihad"), and "What to Expect in Jihad (Part 1)" - as well political analysis pieces, such as "From Usamah to Obama", and ideological-religious motivational articles.

ITRR researchers have confirmed subsequent jihadist communications indicating that the new English publication does not download clearly. Some of the jihadist

commentators believe it is due to a virus infecting the file. ITRR expects a repaired version to be released in coming days.

AQAP, it will be recalled, currently hosts the American jihadist imam Anwar Al-Awlaki. His online apologetics, recordings and print articles in English are regularly shared in jihadist and Islamist circles. Awlaki is also known to have been the ideological-spiritual guide for both Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the Ft. Hood shooter, and "Christmas Day bomber" Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab.

The direct involvement of Awlaki in the new publication is not known, but it is clear that his efforts among American and English-speaking Muslims in the West has been somewhat effective. Therefore, ITRR analysts surmise, *Inspire* is an explicit effort by Al-Qaeda to yet further expand their "market share" and influence among Muslims outside Arabic-speaking circles.

Inspire is reminiscent of the English-language electronic publication called *Jihad Recollections*. However, the four issues of that journal were apparently produced and distributed from Charlotte, North Carolina, by self-starting Al-Qaeda supporter Samir Khan. He had established a virtual organization for his productions, known as Al-Fursan Media Foundation.

Jihad Recollections was the first jihad-supporting publication of its kind in English, but *Inspire* is is different in that it comes directly from Al-Qaeda sources in the Middle East. Also unlike *Jihad Recollections*, the new publication is not focused on speaking to Americans. *Inspire* is aimed at the entire English-speaking world, including areas where English is a popular second or third language and Arabic is not well known (southeast Asia, parts of Europe, etc.).

Furthermore, the new publication is distinct from individual recordings and statements issued in English by such Al-Qaeda spokesmen as Adam Gadahn and Al-Awlaki, or in German, Russian or Chinese. These types of communications are generally aimed at sending a message primarily to non-Muslims in their own language. They also serve as recruitment videos among non-Arabic speaking Muslims.

Such videos are generally issued sporadically, often based around current events or country-specific issues. They are also limited by the inconsistent availability of native speakers of the language of the target audience. In contrast to such episodic recorded communications, *Inspire* is apparently intended as a regular publication, much like its Arabic counterpart *Sada Al-Melahem*.

At the same time, it should be noted that Al-Qaeda has fully embraced the power of "viral video". In the same communications providing links to *Inspire*, jihadist communications promoted an English-language video on the Somali jihad called "The African Crusaders". It is a video aimed at both inspiring admiration among Islamists worldwide, as well as undermining confidence among non-believers. Its

promotion alongside *Inspire* is possibly significant as many jihadists have discussed Somalia as a training ground for Western Muslims preparing to take jihad back to their home countries.

The combination of motivational texts and videos, religious sermons and practical lessons in jihad, all in English, has the potential to be a significant factor in Al-Qaeda's efforts to recruit lone-wolf terrorists (as well as more serious individuals, perhaps) in English-speaking circles. The strength of such propaganda is also its weakness - such outreach to English speakers also entails an additional measure of exposure for jihadist operatives.

2. ALF: 'Nobody Talks, Everybody Walks'

The Animal Liberation Press Office (ALPO), a clearinghouse for information attributed to the amorphous Animal Liberation Front, has again released communications (1 July 2010) emphasizing the importance of avoiding cooperation with police or federal agents. As the organization explains, "We can no longer ignore security culture as if it doesn't matter - it does."

ALPO insisted that the need for the reiteration of the guidance was identified when a Southern California animal liberationist made "a catastrophic and irreversible mistake", primarily by "opening their mouth" to the police. "We must prepare ourselves for such harassment by agents and cops or continue to face dire situations that could have been easily prevented," the organization said.

Simply put, ALPO explains, "Talking to law enforcement will always hurt, you and others." As a result, "In the activist community, we have once simple rule: nobody talks, everybody walks." However, because "law enforcement will always resort to fear and intimidation", ALF militants must not get into a situation in which "a state of panic overrides common sense."

This has several important consequences, the communication explains, such as "volunteering information or answering any questions for the cops and/or agents will result in isolation from the community and your activist friends. This in turn diminishes our effectiveness as a movement and strengthens the opposition."

Therefore, the ALPO communication provides guidelines and inspiration to effectively avoid "answering Johnny Law's questions":

- "Be mentally prepared: Envision what a visit would be like ahead of time. This helps you remain calm and collected, and allows you to recite your actions - shutting your mouth and the door."
- "Also be prepared to stare at the wall for hours if it does happen - remember, no one can make you open your mouth.... It is possible to look another human in the eye and simply stare without saying a word."
- "Just remember, their job is to oppress you and your community, and high on their agenda is to impede social change. By not talking, you strengthen your community and the movement."
- "Nothing is worse than buying into the authorities scare tactics. If they have you paranoid and scared, they have won. ...And if cops scare you, just think what the animals must feel when they are hauled out of their cages to be tortured or killed. That’s something to be afraid of, not some overweight bully of a law enforcement officer asking questions."
- "Just remember the silent treatment frustrates the authorities but saves activists. If they had evidence you had committed a crime, they would arrest you, not come around asking questions."

- "Never let them see you sweat: Being overly concerned, even among friends or on the phone, will lead the authorities to your door. They will suspect you as a weak link and easy target. Keep your eye on the ball, animal suffering that we must stop using whatever means are at our disposal. Cops are just an ugly distraction."
- "Never keep it a secret: If you are not sure what to do, ask an attorney or activist friends. Don't keep visits, calls or letters a secret and always alert (without scaring!) other activists and friends in the community."

ALPO further suggests: "For more information concerning security culture and activist safety, check out 'If an Agent Knocks' by the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR)." CCR is a veteran legal advocacy organization dedicated to a plethora of radical causes.

In some animal liberation forums, the above guidance is shared alongside a video with the same title ("Nobody Talks, Everybody Walks"). The video, apparently obtained from an internal police station camera, includes clips of a Canadian law enforcement interrogation of a member of the radical Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

Sea Shepherd distributed the video with a lengthy explanation, saying, in part, it was "a great example of what to do while being interrogated." In the brief video, the subject remains still and only silently looks at the ground, not responding in any way to police questioning. Sea Shepherd claimed the individual in the video was "interrogated for four and a half hours."

Adding an additional piece of advice, the text accompanying the Sea Shepherd video notes: "They also refused to sign anything in accordance to the rule, Nobody signs, everything is fine."

ITRR emphasizes that intelligence and opsec guidance sharing among various radical activist organizations is exponentially growing, in line with developments in virtual communications. Furthermore, ITRR has noted and documented cross-pollination among disparate (even rival) terrorist groups as a result of the relatively open nature of such online guidance.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

3. Jihadist Communications and Domino's Pizza

Recent jihadist communications in both Arabic and English intercepted by ITRR researchers single out the Domino's Pizza chain of pizzerias for censure and boycott.

According to the communication, "The owner of Domino's Pizza has decided to build the biggest christen [*sic*] cross in the world from profits of his restaurants, and to lay the foundation of the biggest church in the U.S.A as the second project!"

The above reference is evidently to Ave Maria University (AMU) in southwest Floirida, established by Tom Monaghan, the founder of Domino's Pizza. On 24 June 2010 it was announced that AMU received accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. According to reports published in 2005, the campus centers on a mega-church with the largest stained-glass crucifix in the United States.

The jihadist continues, "[When] you think of eating outside of your home and you want Domino's Pizza think about the contribution you will be making in building the cross and the church!"

The targeting guidance focused especially on the Domino's Pizza franchise located in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

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

ITRR analysts believe that a boycott of Domino's Pizza by Islamists or militant Muslims may well take place. However, based on the audience receiving the above intercepted communications, ITRR analysts foresee a distinct additional risk to Domino's Pizza franchises of terrorist acts or vandalism. The above jihadist communication clearly provides both motivation and targeting guidance for incited lone-wolf and small-cell jihadist terrorists. Similar previous communications shared in the same jihadist forums have, in fact, been followed by acts of terrorism directed at identified and targeted entities.

In Pennsylvania, any of the many Domino's Pizza franchises and outlets is a potential target for incited Islamist lone-wolf attackers. A heightened awareness of security vulnerabilities is called for at the present time.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; ENERGY

4. Taliban Threatens Foreign Mining Companies

In reaction to the recently announced discovery of huge reserves of mineral deposits in Afghanistan, and the Afghan government's decision to invite foreign companies to bid for mining rights, the Taliban have issued an explicit threat of attack against any foreign mining firms in the country.

Any firm seeking to exploit Afghanistan's natural deposits would be a target for attack, according to the Taliban communication. Afghan President Hamad Karzai was also warned not to sign any contract that would promote such exploitation. In addition, the Taliban said they would see "any party that will sign a contract with the corrupt administration to use the minerals" as an "apostate".

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

While the primary risk of Taliban attack in reaction to the above events is in Afghanistan, there is a clear secondary risk that Taliban supporters or jihadist lone wolves will target offices of large mining firms who may be interested in the Afghan deposits.

Attacks on such firms in their respective home countries or countries where they have significant operations would be seen by jihadists as an effective deterrent to investment in the Afghan mining operations. In fact, at least one analyst has already written that "BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Xstrata and Anglo American - the world's largest miners - have no intention of moving into Afghanistan because the risk is far greater than the reward."

It has been reported in open source outlets, for example, that mining giants BHP Billiton and JP Morgan have expressed interest in potential Afghanistan mining operations. JP Morgan has even sent a team of mining experts to Afghanistan to examine the possibilities.

Pennsylvania is home to branches of JP Morgan Chase, a financial institution that may well be identified with its corporate mining operations, and BHP Billiton Marketing Inc., which represents BHP Billiton in Pittsburgh (Omega Corporate Center).

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

5. Governors' Meeting to be Protested

ITRR researchers have identified logistical planning indicating the potential for a significant disorder in Boston, Massachusetts, on 10 July 2010.

The National Governors Association is meeting in Boston from 9-11 July 2010. A broad coalition of groups plan to protest the event because of the presence of Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. Governor Brewer has signed a piece of legislation (SB 1070) that has been called "anti-immigrant racism" by immigrants' rights groups, anarchists, leftists, Muslim groups and more.

Adding to the potential for disorder, the Massachusetts Municipal Police Coalition (MMPC) "has been meeting with representatives from every major police group in Massachusetts in order to coordinate a unified protest of Governor Deval Patrick as he hosts the National Governors Conference in Boston...."

Planned transportation logistics indicate utilization of bus transportation from "Worcester, Connecticut, New York, Philadelphia, and Syracuse, New York."

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

ITRR analysts note that Boston is a hub for East Coast anarchist activity. Anarchists from Boston and associated anarchist communities (such as the Northeast Anarchist Network) have previously participated in disorders in Toronto (G8/G20), Pittsburgh (G8/G20) and St. Paul (Republican National Convention). Therefore, ITRR analysts have identified a significant potential for disorders in Boston on 10 July 2010, with additional risk of disruptions prior to and after that date.

The above risk indicators include the potential for disorderly conduct by protesters at Logan Airport and at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston.

The foregoing has been issued to alert security personnel responsible for Governor Ed Rendell and his delegation to the NGA, as well as for Pennsylvania journalists who might be accompanying the governor.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

6. Training and Inspiration for Vigorous Pro-Life Protesters

The twelve-day Pro-Life Training Camp in California, organized by the militant Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust organization, is coming to a conclusion today (2 July 2010).

The camp, explicitly for "pro-life high school and college-age youth", was billed as "the pro-life 'boot camp'", with "intense training and activism" through "classroom teaching and hands-on experience". According to the sponsoring organization, "Survivors [of the Abortion Holocaust] are trained as warriors of the highest caliber."

Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust is a "Christian, pro-life activism organization" focused on preparing high school and college-age students to take a pro-life message to the streets."

To this end, according to an adult involved in the event, the camp included information about "your rights as an activist", as well as protests, picketing and pamphleting at the University of California Irvine, along Hollywood Blvd., and outside unnamed facilities "to expose late-term abortionist Josepha Seletz" and provide "sidewalk counseling".

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

ITRR analysts have identified Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust as a militant organization, with members of the organization having been arrested for aggressive pro-life protest tactics. As their target audience is teenagers and college students, ITRR suggests it is not surprising that their protests might sometimes entail a "scuffle" (precisely such an event occurred at a Survivors protest in California recently). However, the group is not known to have members who conduct acts of violence in the form of homicide, arson, and the like.

They have also been involved in street theater and the like, as well as the picketing of a private residence on 30 June 2010 (although the latter is not their typical protest; more typically they are involved in public location demonstrations).

Although the Survivors group is headquartered in Riverside, California, their Pro-Life Training Camp drew 80 people from various locations. ITRR analysts believe that the attendees will now be able to share their "pro-life boot camp" activism training and knowledge in their home states, including Pennsylvania. Pro-life groups, especially those known to attract young activists, may see a certain increase in activity in the near term.

On a related note - although, it must be emphasized, expressly *without* implied connection to the Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust group - ITRR reiterates that an anti-abortion extremist has been soliciting contact with "people who've been forceful" in opposing legalized abortion (as cited in PAIB no. 25). He followed his request with a list of terrorists that includes murderers, indicating a potentially new level of discussions possibly aimed at initiating further terrorist actions of unknown severity.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

7. Bombing, Riots, Strikes and Threats to Hindu Pilgrims in India

On 29 June 2010 an IED was detonated in a park in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, India. There were no casualties in the bombing, but three people were killed later in

the week in violent clashes with security forces. The latest incidents highlight an escalation in violence in the region.

In recent weeks there have been several deaths in clashes with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir. Political leaders blamed "anti-national elements" and "militants" who "may also have sneaked into the [region] to trigger violence." Measures to control the situation have included the imposition of curfews in areas where there have been rioting.

In response to the clampdown and what some perceive as heavy-handed police tactics, a local movement favoring secession from India has called for a series of strikes in Jammu and Kashmir, especially the city of Srinagar. The target dates for the strikes are 25 June-3 July 2010.

In a somewhat related event, 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 jihadist communication 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 written warning was purported to be from the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM; Army of Muhammad) organization.

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

General strikes such as mentioned above, called to protest police violence, have themselves been known to precipitate violent clashes between police and separatist activists, in addition to sometimes being accompanied by violence against violators of the announced strikes.

Furthermore, as previously noted in PAIB nos. 44 and 47, jihadist elements are continuing their efforts to strike Indian assets, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir regions. As cited in PAIB no. 65, for example, Abdul Wahid Al-Kashmiri, a leader of the jihadist Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorist group, called for jihad against heretics and promised continued support for the Muslim population in Kashmir. He spoke in a gathering alongside, or supported by, other regional jihadist groups, including Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Tehreek-ul Mujahideen, Al-Badar Mujahideen, Harkat-ul Mujahideen (HuM), Hizb-e-Islami Jammu Kashmir, Jamiat-ul Mujahideen, Muslim Janbaz Force and the Al-Jihad Force.

Of particular 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. LeT, with links to Al-Qaeda, had earlier threatened to strike train lines throughout the subcontinent, as well.

All public gatherings in the Jammu and Kashmir regions should be strictly avoided at this time. Researchers and faculty at New Delhi's University of Pennsylvania

Institute for the Advanced Study of India (UPIASI), as well as business travelers and tourists from Pennsylvania, should be advised of the ongoing high risk of jihadist attack on public venues such as 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 (ICAP).

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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.
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