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Government Facilities: *December Anarchist Meeting Planned for Philadelphia*

The Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN) will tentatively be holding its assembly in mid-December, 2009 in Philadelphia. The assembly will be drawing Anarchists from Maine to Washington, DC.

This expansion, strengthening, and formalizing of the Anarchist networks was observed by analysts of the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) approximately 2 years ago.

Many of the people attending this weekend meeting will be veterans of the disorders of the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN and September's G20 meeting in Pittsburgh.

The people who are planning the Philadelphia meeting are making logistical preparation for 30 people from out of the Philadelphia area. The focus of the planning is The Wooden Shoe, the local anarchist bookstore; however, at this time it appears that the actual meetings will take place offsite.

The reason that the date is tentative at this time is because of other Anarchist disorders planned to coincide with the COP15 (United Nations Copenhagen meeting) in early December.

TAM-C Analysts will monitor planning activities and provide additional information as the planning for the NEAN assembly progresses.

Government Facilities: *Boot Camp in Lancaster County*

On 21-22 November 2009 – the 'Revolutionary War Veterans Association' (RWVA) will be holding a Marksmanship Training program in Manheim, PA (Lancaster County) as part of their "Appleseed Project."

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The training program starts on Saturday the 21st at 8:20AM, and is hosted by Elstonville Sportsman's Association at 3133 Pinch Road, Manheim, PA 17545. The same event will occur at the same location on 19-20 December 2009.

The RWVA is a non-profit organization that teaches Americans both marksmanship and the history of the Revolutionary War. Its increasingly popular initiative, the "Appleseed Project", is open to men, women, and children of all ages.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts have identified communications from individuals associated with this group that closely resembles the anti-government rhetoric of various militia and survivalist groups:

"Fred from RWVA said:

Times are critical. We're faced with a out of control police state, an engineered collapse of what's left of America, the end of a way of life that has become slavery. We'll need to survive. We'll need to know how to shoot. The Appleseed Project is designed to instill such knowledge.

A weekend of instruction with a .22 rifle and your high powered rifle-any high powered rifle but preferably a military pattern semi automatic rifle-followed by your diligent practice of what you've learned and you'll be able to hit man sized targets out to 500 yards.

Most Americans are lucky to hit at 50 yards! Lucky! And their gun handling skills SUCK! You know that was a deliberate angle of attack by the beast. Get us disarmed and uncultured in the knowledge and use of firearms, make us dependent, vulnerable.

The Appleseed program can change that."

Although TAM-C analysts have not identified direct links between the Appleseed Project and anti-government groups, local law enforcement should be aware that there is a high potential of heavily armed individuals with an anti-government perspective ("out of control police state") attending this training.

Government Facilities: *Tea Party Activists March on Harrisburg*

On 14 November 2009, groups such as Pennsylvania Revolution, Pennsylvania Tea-Party Patriots Coalition, and others, are joining together to march onto the Capitol Building in Harrisburg. Their aim is to "take the message of fiscal responsibility and lower taxes directly to state lawmakers."

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The protestors will meet at the City Island Parking Lot at 1:00PM.

At 2:00PM, the march begins from City Island, over the Walnut Street Bridge, left on Front Street, and then right on State Street. At 2:30PM the rally begins on the Capitol steps. At 4:30PM, activists will meet at the Harrisburg Hilton for the 2009 PA Grassroots Banquet.

TAM-C analysts have not determined how many people will show to the rally, although the Tea-Party organizers themselves expect "large crowds."

********ACTION********

TAM-C analysts do not expect illegal activity to occur. However, law enforcement should be prepared for crowd control issues.

Banking and Finance/National Monuments and Icons: *'End the Fed' "Constitution Revolution" Tea Party in Philadelphia*

On 22 November 2009, activists nationwide will be marching and rallying to "End the Fed" – that is, to call for the abolishment of the Federal Reserve Bank. Organizers are tied and/or identical to the organizers of the Tea Party event featured in the previous Alert.

In Philadelphia, the local rally is billed as the "Constitution Revolution Tea Party", and participants are planning to gather on the west side of City Hall (15th and Market) at 10:00AM.

At 11:22AM, activists will march towards the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (between 6th and 7th Streets on Market). From City Hall, the route leads them eastbound on Market Street, past the Reserve itself, left on 5th Street, and then left on Arch Street, ending at 6th and Arch Streets.

From 1:00 – 3:00PM, participants will hold an "indoor rally" inside the Independence Visitor Center (6th and Market Streets) – in the Independence Ballroom and Liberty Bell Terrace. Six leaders of the Libertarian movement will be speaking to the crowd, after which the event is scheduled to wrap up.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts intercepted communications between individual white supremacists calling on "fellow Patriots" to join the 'End the Fed' protests in Philadelphia and elsewhere. While there is no indication of an organized demonstration by white supremacists apart from the main event; TAM-C analysts believe the possibility of violence exists should white nationalists find themselves in close proximity with non-white demonstrators marching under the same Tea-Party banner.

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Commercial Facilities: *Fur Free Friday*

On 27-29 November 2009, animal-rights activists will be targeting commercial locations that sell fur and fur trimmed garments and people wearing such garments during this weekend.

Animal Right activists call the day after Thanksgiving "Fur Free Friday." Fur Free Friday and the weekend immediately after Thanksgiving has become a national rallying point for Animal Rights and anti-fur activists. In most areas of the US, this has become the official "opening day" of the coming year's anti-fur campaign.

TAM-C analysts note that common night time tactics against furriers includes smashing of windows and throwing paint on garments. Daytime anti-fur tactics include aggressive picketing , blocking of entrances, and the use of bullhorns to dissuade shoppers. Tactics used against shoppers and people wearing fur may range from intimidation to the throwing of paint on the fur garment.

******ACTION******

Law enforcement personnel with shops that sell fur garments should be aware of Animal Rights activists who might be living in their jurisdictions. If it is believed that such activists live in or near their jurisdictions, police agencies should increase overnight patrol in the vicinity of such furriers.

Additionally, law enforcement agencies should be prepared for crowd control issues as a result of aggressive picketing during this weekend.

STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

European Jihadists

The jihadist communications focusing on their Bulgarian recruits (as TAM-C analysts reported on 4 November 2009) should re-emphasize for security personnel the need for a sophisticated situational awareness.

Bulgarian - and most other European - jihadist recruits will have an easier time travelling internationally without suspicion and unhindered due to their European Union passports and nationalities. In addition, most recent AQ communications related to non-Arab and non-Asian recruits have focused on Germans, Turks and Americans who have joined the jihad outside their homelands.

In light of the specific emphasis placed on Bulgarian Muslims in the recently identified jihadist communication, Western security personnel should take note of Bulgarian nationals in or passing through their jurisdiction.

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More generally, adversarial probing and pre-operational surveillance in Western states may include any number of varied European Union recruits, who will be seen by jihadist cells as better able to blend in for purposes of information gathering and, ultimately, for perpetration of terror attacks.

UPDATE ON FORT HOOD SHOOTING

Military investigators are still piecing together why the tragic shooting occurred at Fort Hood. But as they do, the lessons learned are clear.

1. An individual willing to die in his attack need not use explosives to cause massive casualties. All he needs is the willingness to continue killing until he can no longer do so.

2. The need for immediate contact with the enemy: the delay in waiting for a SWAT unit, no matter how well armed the SWAT unit, is catastrophic. The immediate engagement of the active shooter (as was apparently done in this case) is the only way to reduce the potential mayhem.

3. Whether this is a case of workplace violence or homegrown terrorism, its clear that homegrown terrorism is increasing. From Little Rock, AR to Ft. Dix, NJ, homegrown terrorists are targeting military facilities in the US.

********ANALYSIS********

No matter what conclusion the analysts arrive at, the killing and wounding of so many American soldiers will be seen as a successful attack by international jihadists. The success of this attack is likely to inspire additional "lone wolf" or "lone wolf cell" attacks.

A military installation of any kind, even a recruiting station, provides a target rich environment.

The targeting may be done by Anarchists (Times Square bombing) or by people conducting their own jihadist attack.

Military personnel will be conducting an in-depth analysis of the Fort Hood shooting. But, all military facilities – including recruiting stations - should be receiving a higher level of protection from law enforcement personnel at this time.

The Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center (TAM-C) is currently monitoring international jihadist websites in an attempt to ascertain responses and feedback from the attack.

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