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POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED AREAS & SECTORS

Area
King of Prussia (Montgomery County)
Bethlehem (Lehigh and Northampton Counties)
Pittsburgh (Allegheny County)
Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County)
Philadelphia
West Chester (Chester County)
Starrucca (Wayne County)
Damascus Township (Wayne County)
Jewish institutions, facilities and communal events

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Sector
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE ENERGY GOVERNMENT FACILITIES[1] PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

US DEPARTMENT OF STATE RELEASES ANNUAL REPORT ON GLOBAL TERRORISM

The U.S. Department of State has released its annual report on terrorist activity and counterterrorism measures around the world. Findings from this year's report include:

- While Al-Qaeda has experienced several setbacks, the organization remains the most formidable threat to the U.S. especially since the organization has become more dispersed with affiliate groups in Yemen, Somalia and other countries.
- Iran remained the most active state sponsor of terrorism, as the financial and material support the state provides to terrorist groups directly hindered international efforts to promote peace and undermined the growth of democracy.

The report also discusses the challenges of terrorism associated with weapons of mass destruction, strategies for eliminating terrorist safe havens, and the activities and capabilities of groups designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.[2]

CONTINUING STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. ***Ramadan and Jihad***

[1] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, 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.

[2] http://www.hsdl.org/hslog/?q=node/5701

Radical Islam of the sort practiced by *Salafi* jihadists seeks to revive the lost respect of the Islamic nation as it theoretically existed in the days of the prophet of Islam, Mohammad, and his immediate successors. It was these founders who established the Islamic empire that conquered a vast series of territories, including parts of Asia and Europe.[3]

Today, *Salafi* jihadists preach about a return to that time and about attacking anything that impedes the fulfillment of their radical beliefs.

According to Islam, the month of *Ramadan* (which has already begun and lasts until 9 September 2010) is a very important and holy period of time - during which the gates of heaven are open and the gates of hell are closed (as Mohammad said). In addition, this month is considered an auspicious month for martyrdom, in the jihadist worldview.

Al-Qa'ida has a *Salafi* ideology that includes the overall goal of fighting the West, especially the USA, and all the West's supporters globally. In the Middle East, this takes on immediacy because of the current Western involvement in the region's many majority-Muslim countries. From the Islamist perspective, every war in any Islamic country is part of a bigger Western plan to take over the Muslim world.

On 10 August 2010, the deputy leader of **AL-QA'IDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (**AQAP**) posted a recording that includes incitement and specific guidance for attacks on Saudi Arabian government officials, as well as for a broader civil rebellion to remove the Saudi Arabian regime. According to *Al-Qa'ida*, the regime is pro-West and against authentic Islam - *Al-Qa'ida*'s Islam, naturally. In addition, the AQAP leader called upon Muslims in the Arabian Peninsula to join his organization and to attack nearby Israel with every means available - from the air, sea and land.

Additionally, continuing indicators point to ongoing *Al-Qa'ida* connections with Somalia's jihadist insurgents of the ***SHABAB AL-MUJAHIDEEN***. There has not been a public declaration to that effect, but even an informal relationship can contribute to lethal attacks in many regional states, as well as attacks at sea off the Somali and Yemeni coasts.

As Ramadan continues, there are other key developments in the Middle East of which security personnel should take note:

1. The withdrawal of American troops from Iraq at the end of August, which analysts believe will lead to a catastrophe in Iraq. All the terrorist organizations in that country will try to carry out brutal attacks against American and Iraqi security forces to show that they are the ones who "expelled the Crusaders" from Iraq and made them lose the battle.

2. The deterioration in Somalia. *Shabab Al-Mujahideen* has begun to carry out attacks outside of Somalia, such as the recent attack in Kampala, Uganda.

[3] http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/intro/islam-salafi.htm

3. **AL-QA'IDA IN NORTH AFRICA** (**AQIM**), including the southern desert of Algeria, is getting stronger. The southern branch - operating along the borders of Mali, Niger and Mauritania - has good relations with the local tribes and even assistance from local security forces. It is the security service members who provide AQIM with weapons, intelligence and shelter. This situation will likely generate more terrorism and will make it almost impossible to eliminate the terror branches there.

Structurally, *Al-Qa'ida* begins this Ramadan with an essentially modified bureaucratic structure. It has moved from a strict pyramid hierarchy, with Osama Bin-Laden at the top, to a more diffuse, horizontal structure, with each branch leader taking charge locally. This change makes it hard to eliminate the organization. Nonetheless, the regional *Al-Qa'ida* branches are all operating based on general orders or strategic guidance from *Al-Qa'ida* central.

In that general scheme, any attack on any single branch of the organization can be portrayed as a "victory" in the sense that the jihad is clearly taking root in various locations around the world. Similarly, *Al-Qa'ida* prefers to present any clash with regional military forces, regardless of the battle's outcome, as part of an over-arching plan to exhaust the enemy ("death by a thousand cuts").

In its efforts to widen its base and expand its forces, *Al-Qa'ida* addresses its propaganda to individuals and groups of Muslims who are facing some sort of difficulty and who are looking for a goal to unite them.
Analyst's Comment: Due to the economic situation, more and more communities in the Middle East (but not only there) may yet join *Al-Qa'ida*. A related result of *Al-Qa'ida*'s organizational changes - its diffusion of centers of power - is that lone wolves who choose to identify with *Al-Qa'ida* can easily go from virtual online communities to real-world paths to the jihad.

For example, as part of *Al-Qa'ida*'s ongoing efforts, the organization is trying to recruit Muslims who don't necessarily speak Arabic and who are living in the West, such as in the USA, Germany, the UK and other countries. AQAP seems to have thus far been relatively successful in recruiting and inspiring Western jihadists or jihadist attacks on Western targets overseas (e.g., Ft. Hood, the Christmas Day bomber, etc.). AQAP takes advantage of the fact that the Yemeni government doesn't have the ability to control all of that nation's countryside. As a result, AQAP is capable of carrying out planning and training for almost any type of attack overseas, as well as in the Arabian Peninsula itself.

Analysts advise heightened awareness during the current period in light of developments in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. Researchers have noted a direct connection between many of the different events in the various jihadist fronts under the general command of Osama Bin-Laden.

Ramadan is an important month to the Salafists, including *Al-Qa'ida*. In their eyes, it is desirable to carry out attacks that can serve their goals during this time. In short, they want to fulfill their dream - the re-emergence of the Islamic nation.

Ramadan ends with a three-day celebration known as *Eid Al-Fitr*. This year, it falls (in part) on the anniversary of Al-Qa'ida's massive 9/11 terrorist attacks on the USA. How that coincidence of events will be marked by Islamists remains to be seen. However, analysts caution that Muslim religious or cultural celebrations on 11 September 2010 should not be misinterpreted as related to the anniversary of the Al-Qaeda attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE

2. ***Plowshares Eight Anniversary Event in King of Prussia***

The Brandywine Peace Community and the Atlantic Life Community, and other anti-war and anti-nuclear activists, will be marking the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct action of the Plowshares Movement with protest actions in King of Prussia (Montgomery County).[4]

On 9 September 1980, eight anti-nuclear activists entered the General Electric Nuclear Missile Re-entry Division in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, hammered on two nuclear missile nose cones, poured blood on documents and offered prayers for peace. They were arrested and ultimately convicted of burglary, conspiracy and criminal mischief in the Montgomery County Court in Norristown. The activists were eventually dubbed "the Plowshares Eight" for their efforts to turn "swords into plowshares," per the Biblical parable.

According to their current call to action for the Plowshares Eight Anniversary, the Brandywine Peace Community "was the organizing and support base for the Plowshares 8 as well as the similar GE 5 action in October, 1981."

The anniversary event is to take place on 5 September 2010, "to re-dedicate ourselves to the works of justice and peace, stopping Lockheed Martin (the world's largest war profiteer and U.S's chief nuclear weapons contractor), abolishing nuclear weapons, and ending war," according to the Brandywine Peace Community.

[4] http://www.craftech.com/~dcpledge/brandywine/plow/

At 14:00 protesters are to meet outside the facilities of Lockheed Martin behind the King of Prussia Mall. They will begin with a gathering at Mall and Goddard Blvd. and then cross to Lockheed Martin's main driveway entrance, "where an actual Mark 12A warhead casing (like the ones the Plowshares 8 'disarmed' thirty years ago) will, emblematic of Lockheed Martin, stand in front of corporate logo."

In addition, the activists note, the demonstration "will be followed by a short car caravan through King of Prussia, with a stop at the nearby former GE plant (now: Lockheed Martin) where the Plowshares 8 action occurred on September 9, 1980."

The communications regarding the upcoming anniversary boasts, "Nearly seventy-five plowshares actions have occurred over the past thirty years across the country and in Europe, many involving long prison sentences for the participants."

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

Analyst's Comment: The Brandywine Peace Community is best known for the use of legal, although disruptive, non-violent tactics. However, the group's reference to its role in the Plowshares Movement actions in Pennsylvania, as well as to the arrests of Plowshares members globally may indicate an intention to adopt aggressive protest tactics for the Plowshares Eight anniversary events.

Primarily, law enforcement personnel are likely to provide crowd/traffic control at the above-mentioned events. However, local law enforcement and Lockheed Martin security personnel should be prepared for behavior that intentionally creates a confrontational environment, including vandalism and blockading company property. It is unknown whether the protestors have obtained the necessary police permits for these protests/demonstrations.

Furthermore, as the anniversary of the Plowshares Eight "direct disarmament action" in King of Prussia approaches, there is an increased risk of escalation in anti-nuclear and anti-war activism by other activist groups in Pennsylvania.

While most recent anti-nuclear events in Pennsylvania have indeed been non-confrontational, more radical elements may be inspired by the media attention garnered by the Plowshares Eight anniversary. Such individuals or small cells may decide to take "direct action" themselves, such as civil disobedience, against Lockheed Martin, nuclear facilities or military assets.

Pennsylvania commercial nuclear facilities (Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom, Susquehanna Steam & Electric and Three Mile Island) may also be targeted for protests or other direct actions.

Pennsylvania military facilities that may be singled out include:

- Carlisle Barracks (Cumberland County)
- Letterkenny Army Depot (Franklin County)
- Tobyhanna Army Depot (Monroe County)

- Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (Lebanon County)
- New Cumberland Defense Deport Susquehanna (*formerly New Cumberland Army Depot*) (Cumberland County)
- Naval Support Activity (Cumberland County)

Aside from Lockheed Martin, other private organizations or companies in Pennsylvania dubbed "war profiteers" by anti-war activists include:

- Bechtel Corporation in Bethlehem (Lehigh and Northampton Counties) and Pittsburgh

- The Washington Group International in Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County) and Philadelphia

- The Nuclear Utility Services Laboratory in Pittsburgh

- Fluor Daniel GTI in West Chester (Chester County)

ENERGY

3. ***'Help the Activists in Their Planning'***

Anti-drilling activists in New York and Pennsylvania are continuing to share information regarding local relevant developments. The most recent communications have included more up-to-date information sharing regarding the specific activities of trucks and personnel of natural gas drilling companies, as well as explicit acknowledgment that such information may be used by more militant "activists."

Specifically noted in recent anti-natural gas drilling activist communications were "big rig trucks moving through Starrucca [Wayne County] and that there's a large staging area at Steinback's Corners [New York], between New Milford and Jackson....all in the past few days. ...I also heard on the news that Hess is about to begin drilling on a half-dozen sites in NW Wayne County, just outside the Delaware River watershed."

Also mentioned were "the movement of trucks in the Finger Lakes region, especially Auburn" and in Owego, New York.

The activist communication concluded: "Keep reporting activity wherever you see it, and help the 'activists' in their planning."

In this regard, anti-natural gas drilling activists have shared information regarding an upcoming speech by Department of Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger at the Eastern Oil & Gas Conference and Trade Show at the Monroeville Convention Center. The trade show, organized by the Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association, is taking place 31 August-1 September 2010.

In one response to the upcoming event, an anti-natural gas drilling activist said: "This would be a perfect place to call everyone in for - it is just perfect that the Sec. of DEP would be speaking at the industry SHOW."

Also noted by anti-natural gas drilling activists is the upcoming meeting of the Damascus Township (Wayne County) government on 20 September 2010, during which a new zoning ordinance is to be finalized. The ordinance "will change gas drilling in the relevant zoning to a permitted use ..."

Analyst's Comment: The Damascus area, where leading landowner advocates are also active, has been the scene of eco-terrorist vandalism to drilling equipment.

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

The above comment requesting more information useful for "activists" takes on a greater significance due to the increasing rhetoric in favor of aggressive activism among those opposed to natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania (PIB Nos. 125 and 126). Analysts note that the "intelligence gathering" nature of the above communications among local anti-drilling activists who are not otherwise involved in environmentalist movements is a novel development.

As noted in previous PIB, analysts have not yet seen indications that local residents faced with natural gas drilling activities are prepared to take the next step toward direct action attacks; however, there has been discussion of the advisability of "civil disobedience" actions to stop the drilling companies.

4. ***Targeting Oil Companies***

Recent jihadist communications intercepted by researchers have specifically noted the exportation of Iraqi oil to Western states.

A jihadist took note of public open-source discussion of the possibility that Iraq can "become one of the largest oil exporting countries in the world "

By noting this, he explained, he was hoping that the "brothers in Iraq will attack those companies in order to stop the exploitation of our natural resources, which strengthen the countries that fight the Muslims."

The writer added that while he thinks *Al-Qa'ida* in Iraq was alread

" The latter comment may be an attempt to motivate lone-wolf jihadist attacks on foreign oil company personnel or facilities.

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

ITRR analysts note that Iraq is among the top ten exporters of petroleum and crude oil to the United States (approximately 394,000 barrels per day in May 2010), while

Pennsylvania is among the nation's top ten crude oil importers. The Delaware River system - including facilities in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania - is the fifth largest US seaport due to the concentration of oil refineries and oil import terminals along its banks.
In light of the foregoing, analysts note that any serious disruption of Iraqi oil extraction and export would have the potential to disrupt oil supplies in the northeastern United States, as well. The immediate and long-term impact of such a disruption on Pennsylvania's trade and energy sectors remains to be determined.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

5. ***Newly Identified Corporate Targets of Pro-Life Boycotts***

Life Decisions International (LDI) has released a revised edition of The Boycott List, which identifies corporations that support Planned Parenthood.

The new list includes, among others:

- AlphaGraphics
- AOL
- Darden Restaurants (Bahama Breeze, The Capital Grille, LongHorn Steakhouse, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Season 52)
- eBay
- Franchise Services (PIP, Signal Graphics, Sir Speedy)
- Hilton Worldwide (Conrad Hotels, Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inns/Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Hotels, Homewood Suites)
- Ignite Restaurants (Brickhouse Tavern+Tap, Joe's Crab Shack)
- ING (financial services)
- Kohl's (department stores)
- Mrs. Fields (cookies)
- Staples (office/school supplies)
- Toys "R" Us
- Trader Joe's (markets/supermarkets)
- The Gap (apparel/accessories)
- Wells Fargo (including Wachovia)
- Nike
- Time Warner
- Bank of America
- Walt Disney
- Johnson & Johnson
- Lost Arrow (Patagonia, etc.)
- Chevron
- Nationwide Insurance
- Freddie Mac (US government-sponsored secondary mortgages)

Charitable groups cited by LDI as having a connection with Planned Parenthood include:

- Lions Clubs
- American Cancer Society
- Easter Seals
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Camp Fire Girls Inc.
- Girl Scouts
- Kiwanis Clubs
- March of Dimes
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Rotary Clubs
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- Salvation Army
- YWCA
- America Gives Back
- YMCA

LDI spokespeople boasted to pro-life publications, "Corporate officials are learning that those who value life are among the most dedicated people on earth. We will not go away until corporate involvement with Planned Parenthood comes to an end." They claimed that at least 256 corporations have stopped funding Planned Parenthood as a result of boycott activity. "This should serve as a testament to those who thought it impossible to change corporate philanthropic behavior," one LDI leader commented.

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

While the boycott is a legal and non-violent method of protest, the list identifying companies alleged to be involved in funding abortion clinics can serve as a targeting tool for more militant anti-abortion elements and lone-wolves. Security and law enforcement personnel should recognize that there is the potential for crowd control issues if a local "pro-life" organization chooses to hold a demonstration in front of one of the above named businesses.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

6. ***Increasing Focus on Egypt***

Arabic language researchers have identified recent militant communications focusing on a cruise ship as a jihadist target in the Middle East. This communication is titled, "For the Mujahidin of Abdallah Azam Brigades - a Gift." The **ABDALLAH AZAM BRIGADES** are the *mujahidin* who took responsibility for the July, 2010 attack on the Japanese oil tanker in the Persian Gulf.

The targeting communications indicated that, for the first time, an Israeli cruise ship of the "Magic 1" company will sail to Egypt from Ashdod, Israel on 12 September 2010 for a 4 day trip. During this 4 day cruise the ship will dock at the

ports of Port Said and Alexandria. The targeting information of this Israeli cruise ship comes at a time of already heightened alert status for the city of Alexandria, identified by jihadists as a target because its significant Christian population.

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

Analyst's Comment: The targeting information on the cruise ship has come at a time of increased jihadist focus on Western maritime assets, including commercial shipping (PIB No. 121 for threats to tankers).

This communication, coupled with previous recent jihadist communications, is a continuing indicator of jihadists' intent to conduct terror operations in Egypt. Previous targeting guidance has focused on religious minorities and the government of Egypt. The result of such guidance includes a 2010 attack against a Jewish facility.

Pennsylvania-based students and faculty participating in educational exchange programs in Alexandria (e.g., The Indiana University of Pennsylvania) should exercise caution when in proximity to large Christian populations or identified facilities.

Although many cruise lines have ports of call at Alexandria, Egypt, it was the fact that it was an Israeli ship that triggered the targeting advice. This provides continuing indication of the targeting of Israeli and Jewish targets.

Potential targets for attacks by extremist activists or actual terrorist cells in Pennsylvania include:

- The Israeli Consulate, Philadelphia
- high-profile Jewish institutions
- synagogues
- Jewish communal events

There are no emerging Indicators, Threats and/or Warnings at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE
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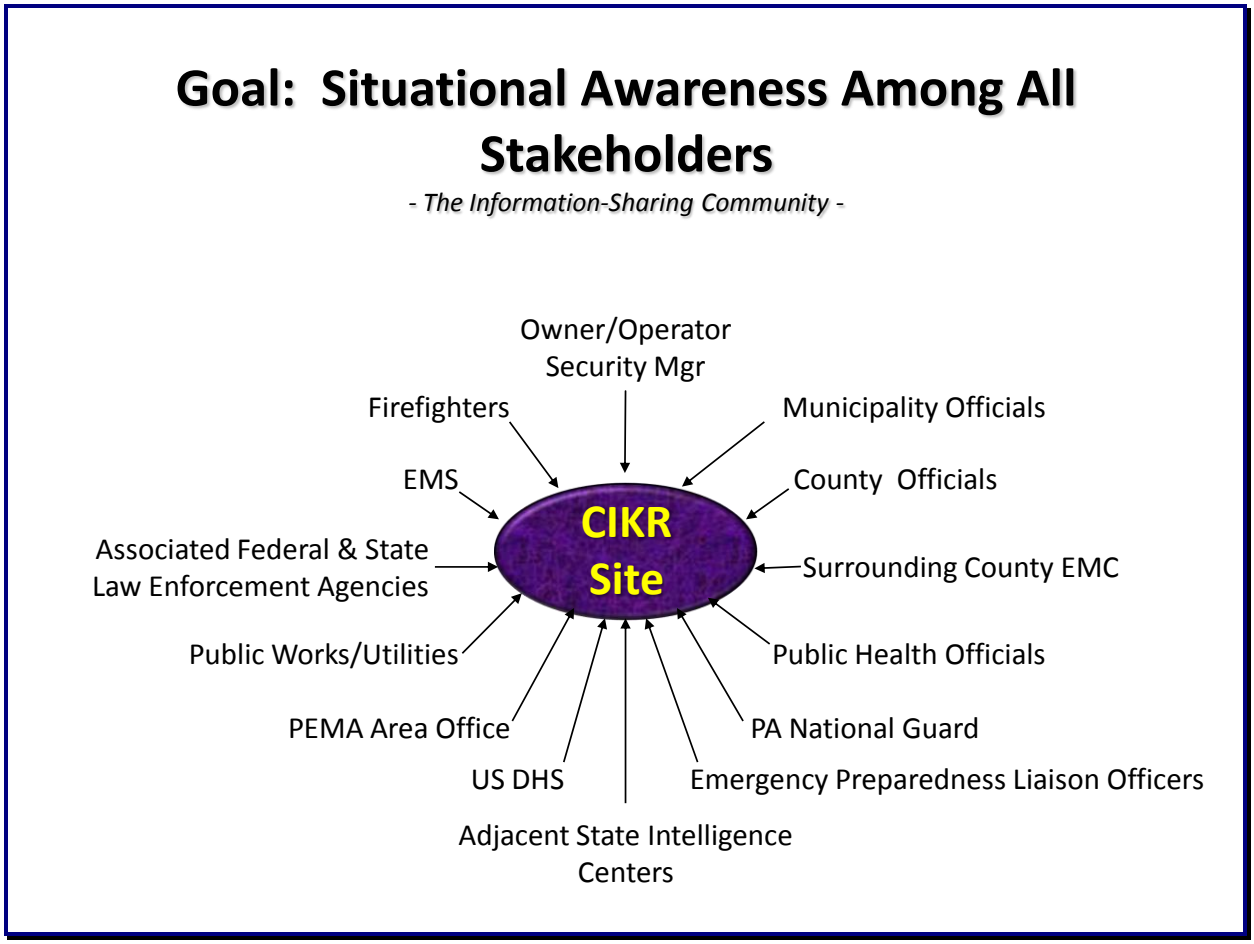

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack is likely to be a priority and might well be executed.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack on the target is a priority and is likely.
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