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ONGOING RESEARCH

1. *Jihadists, Anti-Israel Terrorists Promise 'Revenge' Over Gaza Flotilla*

Both international jihadist groups and individuals, as well as ***Hamas*** and the armed wing of the Palestinian Authority's ruling ***Fatah*** faction, have declared their intention to take "revenge" against Israel (or Israelis, Jews and Americans) for the deaths of nine, anti-Israel militants aboard the Turkish ship that attempted to run Israel's blockade of Gaza last month. ITRR recommends heightened awareness both in Israel and in proximity to all Jewish- and Israeli-identified assets worldwide. ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone-wolf calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 93, 94 and 96)

2. *Regional Anarchist Training in Boston*

The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual national assembly in Boston from 16-18 July 2010; it will include "workshops or skillshares." The skills and lessons learned can be expected to be put into effect in anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months, with an increased risk of "direct action"-type incidents. A possible flashpoint following the NEAN annual assembly may be Arizona's immigration legislation SB 1070 enactment on 29 July 2010. Anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities."

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for relevant targeting information. (PAIB Nos. 94 and 98)

3. ***Kurdish-Turkish Front Heats Up***

Stepped-up Turkish operations against Kurdish insurgents, increased activity by Kurdish terrorist forces based in Iraq during the summer months, as well as the PKK's declared renewal of attacks, Turkish counter-terror initiatives, the December 2009 declaration by the Freedom Hawks of Kurdistan (FHK) terrorist group explicitly threatening Turkish cities - all indicate a period of increased risk in Turkey at the present time. Preferred potential targets for Kurdish terror cells include government and military assets, as well as high-profile tourist or cultural venues. Faculty and students attending the Philadelphia-based American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) facilities in Ankara and Istanbul, as well as University of Pittsburgh summer school students in the country, be advised to maintain heightened situational awareness at the current time. (PAIB No. 96)

4. ***Indian Insurgents' Again Escalate Terror Campaign***

Splinter factions and organized cells of the **NAXALITE** (Communist separatist) groups operating in India have escalated their attacks in recent months. Attacks are generally coordinated, multifaceted armed assaults, assassinations for the sake of intimidation, railway sabotage or roadside improvised, explosive devices (IED) (or any combination thereof). Entrenched Naxalite and regional insurgencies are pressing ahead, despite intermittent counter-terror successes. 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 made aware of the heightened threat level in states such as Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. (PAIB No. 92)

5. ***Caucasus Jihad Going Global***

ITRR analysts note an increased capability and willingness among Caucasus-based jihadists to operate outside the Russian theater. As of this writing, however, the Caucasus jihadists remain focused on attacking Russian assets and personnel. Lone-wolf jihadists of Slavic or Caucasus background may be inspired to take action abroad (e.g., at the Mid-Atlantic-Russia Business Council, located at 1760 Market St., a high-rise office building in Philadelphia). Students at Russian educational institutions through programs such as those of Bryn Mawr College in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladimir should be made aware of the current increase in risk of attack throughout Russia. Researchers and linguists pursuing continuing studies through American Councils and similar programs in the Caucasus regions of Russia are particularly vulnerable. (PAIB No. 87)

6. ***Anarchists Preparing for G8/G20***
Starting the process towards a successful demonstration and "direct action" against governments, capitalist economies, borders requiring travel documents and climate change, Canadian anarchists are focusing their attention on Toronto and the G8 and G20 meetings slated for 25-27 June 2010. The **NORTHEAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is stepping up its own activities (legal and illegal) in the northeastern United States. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PAIB Nos. 59, 73 and 89)

7. ***Militarized Anti-Government Movements Seeing Increased Activity***
ITRR researchers are monitoring anti-government, militia organizations, especially the **Rogue Nation Eternal Militia** (**RNEM**), also linked with anarchist libertarian elements. RNEM and others have been promoting armed, dispersed and "leaderless resistance" against what they define as the "New World Order." Their targets include FEMA, the United Nations, banks, as well as the police, the military and other federal agencies. The RNEM group appears to have a Pennsylvania chapter. (PAIB Nos. 63, 65, 68, 73 and 88)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTOR: ENERGY

8. ***Jihadists Share Intelligence for Targeting Petrochemical Assets***
ITRR analysts have identified an internal jihadist communication providing detailed intelligence and guidance for effective attacks on petrochemical industry assets.

The communication - under the heading, "Advice to **Al-Qaeda** in Yemen. Urgent information for Al-Qaeda in Yemen attacking oil wells" - stated: "They need to attack the reservoirs that are always located beside the factories. I don't mean the petrol tanks, which are circular and stuck to the ground, but the gas reservoirs of H2S [hydrogen sulfide] that look like an egg with a base that comes up from the ground."

The jihadist writer promises, "If you hit that you will get massive destruction."

******** ANALYSIS ******Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: MODERATE**
Hydrogen sulfide is a flammable, poisonous gas sometimes occurring in crude petroleum and natural gas (notably, however, it also can occur naturally in groundwater). Since 2008 in Japan and 2009 in the United States, it has turned up in hundreds of suicides, produced using commonly available chemical products (primarily cleaning agents). In the latter context, jihadist communications have

discussed hydrogen sulfide gas as a possible component of poison gas attacks; however, it is unclear if a direct attack on hydrogen sulfide "reservoirs," counting on their explosive potential, has been previously discussed.

ITRR analysts note that the information included in the above TTP (techniques, tactics and procedures) communication indicates the continuing intent to target petrochemical facilities in the Arabian Peninsula. However, ITRR analysts note that the widespread dissemination of the specific guidance provided is an indication of the risk confronting oil and gas facilities throughout the world. Al-Qaeda has frequently cited oil as the "lifeblood" of the West, without regard to where the oil is produced.

In addition to the direct terrorist threat noted above, any significantly disruptive attack on Middle Eastern petrochemical facilities would very likely have an immediate effect on East Coast oil supplies.

Sector: Government Facilities

9. *Specific Targeting of Embassies in Arabia and Danish Assets*

New jihadist communications intercepted by ITRR researchers include explicit and specific targeting of foreign embassies in the Arabian Peninsula, Saudi royal family members and Danish assets.

In a response to recent communications (cited in PAIB No. 95), a jihadist says, "We ... want to put fear in the hearts of the Saudi Arabian tyrants." He claims that he and his colleagues are "collecting the largest number of martyrs to go to all the embassies and all the ministerial palaces."

The jihadist concludes, "I am getting ready for a martyrdom operation."

A follow-up, but separate, communication declares, "I ask great Allah to grant me martyrdom at the embassy of Denmark."

******** ANALYSIS ****** Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: MODERATE**

While the targets of priority named in the communications cited above lie within the Arabian Peninsula, ITRR analysts believe the risk indicators denoted herein encompass Danish assets globally, as well.

ITRR analysts have identified similar communications - regarding "punishing" Denmark for its role in the publication of Muhammad cartoons - from locations as separate as Pakistan and the Arabian Peninsula. As noted in PAIB Nos. 84 and 89, Islamists have also not been reticent to physically target those individuals deemed to have offended Muslim beliefs. Lone-wolf actions may be attempted at locations

believed to be connected to individuals or organizations deemed by Islamists to have denigrated Islam.

Students and faculty at Danish educational facilities through exchange programs such as those sponsored by Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield University and Westminster College should be made aware of the apparent immediate jihadist intention to strike Denmark. In addition, situational awareness is important at or in proximity to Danish or Danish-identified assets worldwide. ITRR analysts note that, outside the Arabian Peninsula, lone-wolf or small cell actions are the most likely form of terrorist action.

SECTOR: EMERGENCY SERVICES

10. ***Tactic: Monitoring Police, Military and First Response Communications***

New American militia communications have included dissemination of what appears to be an official 2009 Homeland Security document listing "radio frequencies, repeater input / output / talk-around frequencies, trunked radio network details including CTCSS codes for 'private line' carrier squelching, satellite communications codes, radio programming instructions and more!"

The militia communications suggests that the document reveals "how the various agencies of the federal government will communicate with each other AND with various agencies of the state and local governments." While emphasizing that "the average person can buy used radio gear ... to monitor these frequencies," the militia members say that they will "be able to plan in advance to jam those frequencies if the government tries to attack the citizenry or round-up 'dissidents'."

Noting that the Federal Communications Commission rules would prohibit civilian broadcasting on the identified channels, the communication declares, "if the government is coming to round-up citizens, then the law has already gone out the window, so being able to disrupt their communications will be essential. This booklet will make such self-defense much easier."

********ANALYSIS****** Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: MODERATE**

The above-mentioned intelligence shared among militia members points to an on-going question of communications-related, operations security - the ease with which a hostile adversary could collect intelligence anonymously. As an **AL-QAEDA** document noted some time ago, up to 80% of pre-operational intelligence gathering can be done legally.

Details of security forces deployment, equipment, radio frequencies and protocols shared over radio communications are all key to adversarial, pre-operational

surveillance. In addition, indicated in the militia communications previously mentioned, the ability to jam communications among security and first response services could play a key role during an active operation.

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

11. *More UK Far-Right Demonstrations and Counter-Demonstrations*

Members of the nationalist Scottish Defence League (SDL) are planning to hold a demonstration on 19 June 2010 in the town of Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Counter-protests by left-wing and anti-fascist groups opposed to the various British "Defence League" branches (see PAIB Nos. 94 and 98) have also been planned for the same day.

******ANALYSIS****Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**
ITRR analysts see a high potential for clashes between the two groups, or between members of either of the groups and law enforcement officers deployed for crowd control.

As previously noted by ITRR analysts, English Defence League (EDL) anti-Islam rallies have lately been joined by violent, soccer hooligan gangs, as well as neo-Nazi and racist skinhead contingents. Racist and thuggish gangs have been willing to travel significant distances to join previous EDL and affiliated rallies in expectation and exploitation of mob violence.

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in the many exchange programs in the United Kingdom (such as through the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to avoid visiting Kilmarnock this coming weekend. Of particular note in this regard is the University of Pennsylvania's exchange program with the University of Glasgow. If travel to the town is unavoidable on the target protest date, then large public gatherings or protests in Kilmarnock, Scotland, should be avoided as a precautionary measure.

SECTOR: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

12. *Anti-Military Activists to Celebrate AEC Closing in Philadelphia*

A planned 19 June 2010 protest against the Army Experience Center (AEC) in the Franklin Mills Mall in Northeast Philadelphia has been updated to a celebration of the AEC's closing, as well as "a re-dedication to peace and nonviolent resistance to war and militarism."

The US Army announced that the AEC will close by 31 July 2010.

The anti-war activists intend to gather at noon at the corner of Knights & Woodhaven Rd., followed by a march to the AEC inside the mall. They intend to "raise our voices in celebration, song and re-dedication to peace," according to an announcement of the event.

********ANALYSIS****** Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: LOW**

Until this month, there have been regular protests against the Franklin Mills AEC by the Brandywine Peace Community, BuxMont Peace Coalition, the Delaware Valley Network for Peace and Justice and the Coalition for Peace Action. Over the past two years, protesters held monthly demonstrations outside the AEC and inside the mall, sometimes including acts of civil disobedience.

Naturally, activists credit the AEC's closing to their persistence in protesting and "direct action." Potential short-term fall-out from this perception may be increased attendance at anti-war protests throughout Pennsylvania, particularly at military recruitment centers (the anarchist **PITTSBURGH ORGANIZING GROUP**, for example, has organized such protests in the past). Ongoing anti-war vigils and protests include:

- Quaker peace vigils at the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia on Sundays
- Socialist groups and the War Resisters League protests in Johnstown, on Theatre Dr. across from Wal-Mart, on Sundays
- Quakers vigils in Kennett Square on Fridays in front of the town post office
- Women In Black vigils on the Lancaster County Court House steps on Wednesdays
- Peace vigils on Fridays in Phoenixville, at the corner of Bridge and Main St.
- Peace vigils on Fridays in Scranton, in Courthouse Square.

- "Silent Vigil" in State College, at Penn State University's Main Gate, on Saturdays.
- Food Not Bombs protest in Wilkes-Barre, on Tuesdays in the central Public Square
- Monthly anti-war vigils in Springfield on the Saturday nearest mid-month at Keystone Park on Baltimore Pike. It is organized by the Brandywine Peace Community (also involved in the anti-AEC protests).
- Anti-war protests/vigils in Williamsport across from the Federal building on 3rd St. on the first Monday of each month

ITRR analysts do not foresee physical confrontation at the Saturday event in Northeast Philadelphia, although it may be raucous. While law enforcement will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control, some public disruptions and obstruction of traffic may ensue.

It is not known at this time if the various organizations involved requested police permits for their planned gathering, march and/or 'celebrating' inside the mall.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
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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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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