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Alleged Terrorists Used Social Network Sites

By the National Terror Alert System

When the name of the suspected Times Square bomber, Faisal Shahzad was revealed, one of the first things reporters did to find more information and a picture was go to Facebook. Sure enough, Faisal Shahzad had an account. Nigerian terror suspect Umar Farouq Abdulmutallab, who is charged with trying to blow up a U.S.-bound flight last December after training with al Qaeda in Yemen, also had a Facebook account. There is little information about the role social network websites might play in the radicalization and recruitment of terrorists, but the FBI is seeing an increase in the use of such websites by radical groups. "Social networking sites



certainly can and do provide a means to bring like minded individuals together, whether it is if for radicalization, recruitment or other terrorism objectives," says UC Tom Osborne, Unit Chief of the Counterterrorism Internet Targeting Unit (CITU) at the FBI.

Kamran Bokhari, regional director Middle East and South Asia for the global intelligence company STRATFOR, notes that al Qaeda may assign an operative to expand its recruitment efforts on websites like Facebook. He points out however, that the individual would have to be detached from the rest of the organization for security purposes. In late 2008, a posting on a jihadist web forum urged members to use Facebook to spread jihadist ideas. "We have already had great success in raiding YouTube and the next target is to invade Facebook," wrote the user according the UK's Telegraph newspaper.

And although Facebook has "a strict policy against content that promotes recognized terrorist organizations," as one spokesperson explained, you can still find pages, especially in Arabic, that support terrorists and which have escaped Facebook's reviewers.

Examples include a 1272-member group entitled "Jihad in the way of God," which has a posting in Arabic about bin Laden's arrival in Afghanistan. "Our aim is to destroy Mr. Idol (a reference to the U.S.)," bin Laden is quoted as saying. "The Amir (of the Taliban) answered: 'Allahu Akbar (God is great)...destroying idols is our hobby.'" "The Internet is the virtual base that al Qaeda must use since many of their physical bases do not exist anymore," says Osborne, adding that it provides "a sense of security and anonymity" and is ideal for finding like-minded individuals "from the relative security of your home computer." And with over 400 million users worldwide, keeping an eye on questionable content is no easy task. Facebook encourages its users to report content that violates the website's policies. Osborne points out that the huge number of users causes "a certain level of detection avoidance."

The Facebook spokesperson explains that the website tries to strike "a very delicate balance between giving people the freedom to express their opinions and viewpoints and maintaining a safe and trusted environment."

Note from the California National Guard State Antiterrorism Program Manager

Do you have a Facebook or Twitter account? In today's technology era, it is the everyday norm to have one of these or other social networking accounts. There is nothing wrong with having these social networking accounts, but are you remembering **Operation Security (OPSEC)**? I can tell you right now that I have seen some Facebook pages of military members that are very suspect, as some of the information being posted there should really be reviewed for OPSEC violations. Practicing OPSEC will help you to recognize your critical and sensitive information and protect it from an adversary. Please see page 4 of this bulletin to review security procedures designed to help reinforce and protect your identity, and keeping OPSEC. As always, "Be Safe, Be Vigilant, Stay Alert, STAY ALIVE!!!"

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Regional Terrorism Activity Updates

Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego Regions:

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San Francisco Bay Region:

(U) - Santa Cruz - Police suspect a radical animal rights group may have been responsible for sabotaging the brakes on the car of a UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) marine biologist researcher. The press officer for the North American Animal Liberation Front said he didn't know whether the group was involved in the incident, but didn't rule it out. The vehicle was parked on a steep hill and police said the brake lines and cable for the emergency brake had been cut. UCSC researchers whose studies involve testing on animals were targeted twice in 2008 by animal-rights activists.

(SOURCE: 26 May 2010, ABC News)

JRIC Note: Several past incidents involving animal right's groups and university professors have led authorities to suspect their involvement in this incident. In 2008, activists were suspected in the firebombing of a UCSC researcher's residence and the vehicle of another. In 2009, four activists were arrested for a series of incidents involving UCSC and Berkeley researchers. The four suspects are currently awaiting trial on charges of using force, violence, or threats to interfere with the operation of the University of California.

Border Issues

Bodies Found in Chihuahua and Durango

(U) Mexico - In the community of El Sauz, approximately 75 kilometers to the north of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, authorities found the dismembered bodies of five men and a woman. The bodies were in plastic bags in a pickup truck which was reported as stolen in Juarez. The bodies showed signs of decomposition and traces of earth which led police to conclude that the bodies had been buried and later disinterred from a clandestine grave. In the last 24 hours, there have been a total of 19 crimes linked with organized crime in Chihuahua.

In Durango, police found the bodies of four people who had been tortured. The bodies were found near kilometer 45 on the Durango-Parral highway. Thirty shell casings from a caliber 2.23 weapon were found at the scene. This type of weapon is used exclusively by the Army.

Worldwide Terrorism Activity Updates

Obama to DoD – Prepare for North Korea Aggression

President Barack Obama has directed the U.S. military to coordinate with South Korea to "ensure readiness" and deter future aggression from North Korea, the White House said on Monday.

The United States gave strong backing to plans by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to punish North Korea for sinking one of its naval ships, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said in a statement. The White House urged North Korea to apologize and change its behavior, he said.

"We endorse President Lee's demand that North Korea immediately apologize and punish those responsible for the attack, and, most importantly, stop its belligerent and threatening behavior," Gibbs said.

"U.S. support for South Korea's defense is unequivocal, and the president has directed his military commanders to coordinate closely with their Republic of Korea counterparts to ensure readiness and to deter future aggression," he said. Obama and Lee have agreed to meet at the G20 summit in Canada next month, he said.

Late last week, a team of international investigators accused North Korea of torpedoing the Cheonan corvette in March, killing 46 sailors in one of the deadliest clashes between the two since the 1950-53 Korean War. Lee said on Monday South Korea would bring the issue before the U.N., whose past sanctions have damaged the already ruined North Korean economy. The United States still has about 28,000 troops in South Korea to provide military support.





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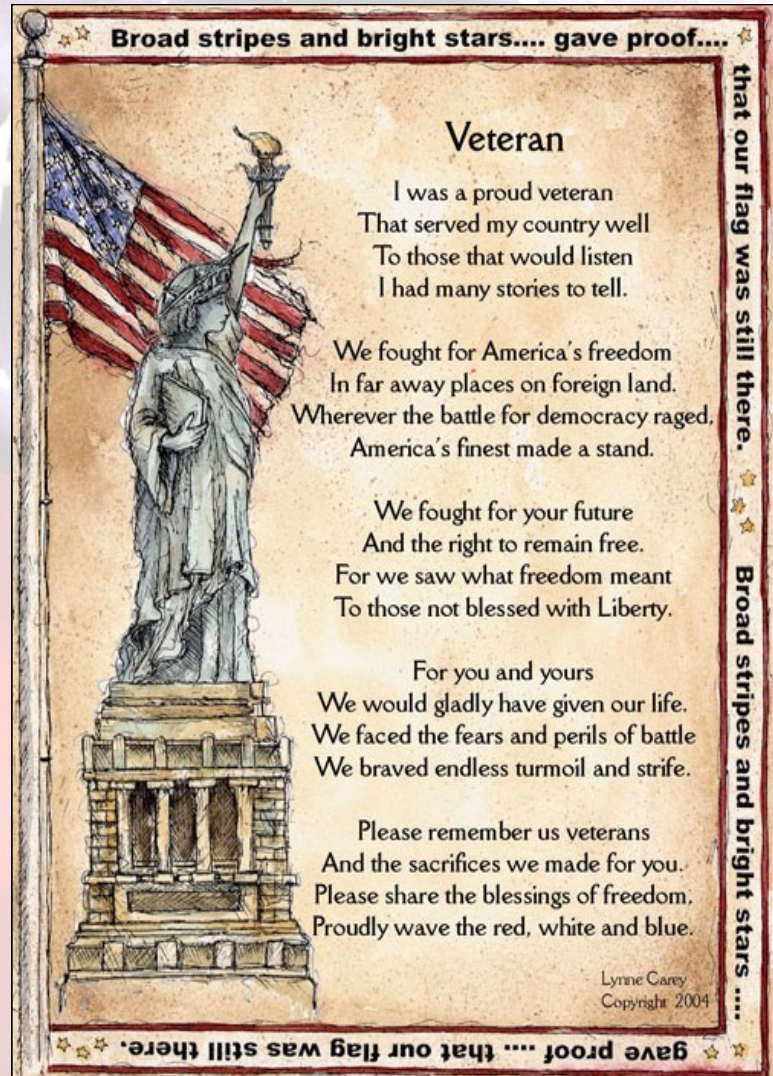
Memorial Day 2010

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice:

- By visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.
- By visiting memorials.
- By flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon.
- By flying the 'POW/MIA Flag' as well (Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act).
- By participating in a **"National Moment of Remembrance"** at 3 p.m. to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day, and for **Taps** to be played.
- By renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans.

Also, please consider adding your voice in support of the efforts **to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back** to May 30th (instead of "the last Monday in May"). This would help greatly to return the solemn meaning back to the day, and to help return minds and hearts to think upon the ultimate sacrifices made by those in service to our country. Just one day out of the year to honor our loved ones, our ancestors, our friends who died in conflicts and wars -- not to honor war, but those that died in those conflicts and wars.

If you enjoy your freedom, thank a veteran and remember Memorial Day.....





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Operation Security (OPSEC)

Operation Security (OPSEC) and Internet Safety

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES (SNS), like Facebook® and Twitter®, are software applications that connect people and information in spontaneous, interactive ways. While SNS can be useful and fun, they can provide adversaries, such as terrorists, spies and criminals, with critical information needed to harm you or disrupt your mission. Practicing Operation Security (OPSEC) will help you to recognize your critical information and protect it from an adversary. Here are a few safety tips to get you started.

Safety Checklist:

Personal Information

Do you:

1. Keep sensitive, work-related information OFF your profile?
2. Keep your plans, schedules and location data to yourself?
3. Protect the names and information of coworkers, friends, and family members?
4. Tell friends to be careful when posting photos and information about you and your family?

Posted Data

Before posting, did you:

1. Check all photos for indicators in the background or reflective surfaces?
2. Check filenames and file tags for sensitive data (your name, organization or other details)?

Passwords

Are they:

1. Unique from your other online passwords?
2. Sufficiently hard to guess?
3. Adequately protected (not shared or given away)?

Settings and Privacy

Did you:

1. Carefully look for and set all your privacy and security options?
2. Determine both your profile and search visibility?
3. Sort “friends” into groups and networks, and set access permissions accordingly?
4. Verify through other channels that a “friend” request was actually from your friend?
5. Add “untrusted” people to the group with the lowest permissions and accesses?

Security

Remember to:

1. Keep your anti-virus software updated.
2. Beware of links, downloads, and attachments just as you would in e-mails.
3. Beware of “apps” or plug-ins, which are often written by unknown third parties who might use them to access your data and friends.
4. Look for HTTPS and the lock icon that indicate active transmission security before logging in or entering sensitive data (especially when using Wi-Fi hotspots).

THINK BEFORE YOU POST! Remember, your information could become public at any time due to hacking, configuration errors, social engineering or the business practice of selling or sharing user data. For more information, visit the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff's website.

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Antiterrorism Training Opportunities

Antiterrorism 2010 Awareness Week

Here is a short Q & A on the premise of
Antiterrorism Awareness Week 2010:

1. What is Antiterrorism Awareness Week (ATAW 2010)?
 - Antiterrorism Awareness Week is a week of awareness training for all members and employees of the CA National Guard.
2. What is the purpose of ATAW 2010?
 - This week of activities is geared towards moving all CNG installations and units towards compliance with DoD, Army and Air Force antiterrorism regulations and guidance.
3. Who are the participants in ATAW 2010?
 - All members and employees of the CA National Guard (Army, Air Guard, SMR and State Military Department Civilian Employees).
4. What activities will be conducted during ATAW 2010?
 - Installation and Brigade ATO's will be given the opportunity to review AT Plans, conduct table top and full AT exercises.
 - Will exercise communication efforts between the ATO's at Army and Air National Guard installations and the J-34 Branch and CA Army ATPM, located at JFHQ Sacramento
5. Who are the Participants?
 - Staff members affiliated with Antiterrorism and Force Protection
 - Installation commanders
 - Other identified staff members

Stay Tuned For More Updates to Come.....

Antiterrorism Level II and IV Courses

Here is a current listing of upcoming Antiterrorism training and events. If anyone has any questions regarding these events, please contact Capt Bryan Williams at your earliest convenience.

Army National Guard Hosted Antiterrorism Officer Basic Course (ATOBC) MTT's FY 2009:

California - 21-25 June 2010 - Sacramento, CA
- NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR COURSE
Contact Capt Williams or Lidia Hernandez to
Reserve your seat!!! -

Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Seminar, 19-21 October 2010 (Tentative):

Booz Allen Hamilton Conference Center
8283 Greensboro Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Joint Antiterrorism Level II Training Nellis AFB, NV Fiscal Year 2010

Class #	Week of	Location
2010 8	31 May - 4 Jun 10	Nellis AFB, NV
2010 9	12-16 Jun 10	Nellis AFB, NV
2010 10	9-13 Aug 10	Nellis AFB, NV
2010 11	13-17 Sep 10	Nellis AFB, NV



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Links

Antiterrorism Enterprise Portal (ATEP)
<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/collaboration/>

California Joint Regional Information Exchange System
(CALJRIES) Website (secure website)
<https://cal-jries.doj.ca.gov>

Department of Homeland Security
<http://www.dhs.gov>

Department of Justice - Antiterrorism Information Center
<http://ag.ca.gov/antiterrorism>

The National Terror Alert Response Center
<http://www.nationalterroralert.com/>

Office of Antiterrorism Assistance
<http://www.diplomaticsecurity.org>

International Traveling Advisories
<http://travel.state.gov>

Global Incident Map
<http://www.globalincidentmap.com/map.php>

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