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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1 April 2010:** Rising Tide North America (RTNA) announced a nationwide campaign called "Fossil Fool's Day." Tactics advocated for the April RTNA campaign include, according to their promotional materials, "the simply subversive to the downright disruptive." Activists are encouraged to take action in their own regions. Energy firms in Pennsylvania, particularly coal-based energy producers and nuclear waste transportation companies, face the possibility of eco-activists targeting their facilities. Additional targeting may include the EPA regional office in Philadelphia. (PAIB no. 43)
- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists will be holding "Animals in Laboratories Month." Any facility that uses animals in scientific research may see protests. ITRR researchers are monitoring activist communications for possible Pennsylvania-region events and ramifications.
- **2 April 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community is planning to hold a protest outside the offices of defense contractor Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. ITRR analysts believe the event will be non-violent, although police personnel should be prepared to counter demonstrator tactics which may include trespass and locking themselves to the facility's gate. (PAIB no. 61)
- **15 April 2010:** Parallel with a mass rally in Washington DC on this day, hundreds of thousands of Americans are expected to hold Tax Day Tea Party protests at various

locations around the country. The DC rally comes at the end of a 23-state "Tea Party Express" caravan and series of rallies. The caravan is slated to arrive in Erie, Pennsylvania, on 11 April 2010. See herein below for Pennsylvania Tax Day Tea Party events. (PAIB nos. 61 and 65)

- **19 April 2010:** A Second Amendment March/Rally in Washington, DC, as well as related events across the nation in the month of April. As-yet unconfirmed indications that a parallel event in Oklahoma City will draw armed militia members and gun rights extremists intent on committing weapons violations, while members of the nationwide American Resistance Movement (ARM) have been urged to discharge their firearms at midnight on 19 April. Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) Rally is to take place at the capitol building in Harrisburg on 27 April.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Urgent Update: Massive Bombings Hit Moscow Subway System

Approximately 40 people were killed during Monday morning (29 March 2010) rush hour when two explosions ripped through the Moscow subway system. Initial reports are that the blasts were approximately 30 minutes apart at two separate stops along the same metro line.

In the initial attack at the Lubyanka Metro Station in central Moscow, Russian news agency ITAR-TASS reported, 26 people were killed. The second bomb went off at the Park Kultury station, killing approximately 15 people.

Russia's Interfax news agency quoted a security source as saying that a suicide bomber may have been behind at least one of the bombings. Moscow officials have said two female suicide bombers carried out the attacks.

As of Monday morning, all Moscow Metro services have been suspended. Security services are on high alert.

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

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

ITRR analysts see the double bombing on Moscow's massive subway system this morning as part of an escalation in jihadist terrorism in the Russian arena that has been underway since late last year. Immediately following a double bombing attack on the Nevsky Express train (which killed around 30 people) in November 2009, the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus (IEC) issued communications in which they claimed responsibility and warned that the jihad would again come into Russia's streets, with many more such attacks.

Since the November attack, there have been ongoing attacks on Russian security forces in the Caucasus region, especially in Chechnya and Dagestan, along with intensified Russian

counterterrorism operations there. This escalation in quantity, however, had not reached the level of a qualitative change - until today.

In PAIB no. 48 (17 February 2010), ITRR analysts suggested that the re-release of a January interview reiterating threats IEC leader Dokka Umarov began making in November indicated stepped up efforts to execute attacks in the immediate future. At this time, ITRR analysts consider the risk of follow-on jihadist terror attacks to be severe. (See PAIB nos. 16, 30, 40 and 48 for more details on the IEC threatening statements and recent attacks.)

As recommended in past PAIB editions, 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 to attack and abduction by local jihadist elements.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

1. Explosive Guidance: How to Make Potassium Nitrate (KNO_3)

ITRR researchers have identified new jihadist guidance on how to generate low-grade explosives using relatively simple ingredients. The guidance includes a video and textual instructions regarding how to make potassium nitrate from instant cold packs and potassium hydroxide.

The instructions are in English and appear to be lifted from a relatively innocent website, which in turn seems to have re-posted them from a website for chemistry enthusiasts.

The jihadist communication reproduces the English text, including repetitive warnings that the "reaction will produce large quantities of toxic ammonia gas."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that the above tactic for generating potassium nitrate is familiar and well-known. Furthermore, the added chemicals, chemistry laboratory equipment and time necessary to extract the chemicals involved, as well as the toxic fumes released during a lengthy part of the operation, would initially appear to make the above guidance ineffective for producing a serious, immediate threat.

Nonetheless, ITRR analysts feel there is possible significance to the re-introduction of these instructions at the current time. In addition to any possible larger terrorism planning efforts, the guidance may inspire ambitious lone-wolf jihadists to attempt an attack making use of the above incendiary. Even if the would-be perpetrator is not able to make a highly dangerous compound, the effect may be used as part of a more conventional attack or may simply be used as a form of highly disruptive vandalism. Therefore, ITRR analysts recommend that security personnel,

especially in transportation and other high-traffic venues, heighten their awareness of the above tactics, techniques and procedures.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. Encouraging Jihad Against Indians and Westerners

ITRR researchers have identified recent communications from a *Lashkar-e-Taiba* (LeT) source providing targeting guidance against India. Abdul Wahid Al-Kashmiri, a leader of LeT, called for jihad against heretics (referring to India and Westerners in India) as he 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.

Al-Kashmiri and his allies stated that it is a religious obligation to fight against the intruders, in this case Hindus, in Kashmir and heretics all over the world. He also promised that LeT will continue its support of the people in Kashmir until they receive their freedom from India.

Within a day, LeT began issuing specific threats against Kashmiris who serve in the local Indian paramilitary or police forces. LeT posters have gone up in the Doda district of Kashmir promising "slaughter" to any locals in the named security apparatuses who do not immediately resign. In these posters, the jihadist group promises to kill five uniformed security officers within the next few days.

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

T/I/W Rating: SEVERE

TAM-C analysts note that *Lashkar-e-Taiba* has conducted numerous deadly attacks in India, including the November 2008 Mumbai Massacre. It is believed that LeT has recently attempted to broaden its area of operations through a planned attack against a Danish newspaper that printed a cartoon deemed to be disrespectful of the Prophet Mohammed (two Americans were arrested in that plot).

As discussed in PAIB nos. 44 and 47, jihadist elements have continued their efforts to strike Indian assets, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir regions. Of 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.

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).

Sectors: NATIONAL MONUMENTS & ICONS AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Tax Day Tea Party Events

In coordination with a planned mass Tea Party movement rally in Washington, DC on Tax Day, 15 April 2010, hundreds of thousands of movement supporters are expected to hold parallel protests "in big cities and small towns, from Los Angeles, California to Burlington, North Carolina," as the promotional material explains.

Organizers of at least one of the Tax Day events, slated for outside the Washington Monument, have already declared that they "are planning to have an evening event with speakers, music and lots of rowdy protesters."

*****ANALYSIS*****

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

ITRR researchers have collated details on most of the 15 April 2010 Tea Party events currently planned for Pennsylvania venues. They are as follows:

- * **Harrisburg (Dauphin County)**: Local Tea Party Patriots are calling for a rally at the State Capitol building or at the offices of local Congressmen.
- * **Phoenixville Borough (Chester County)**: The rally is organized by the Valley Forge Patriots; scheduled for the intersection of Bridge and Main Streets.
- * **DuBois (Clearfield County)**: City Park, Cherry Amphitheater: "Freedom Rally" called by Pennsylvania Freedom Fighters
- * **Montrose Borough (Susquehanna County)**: A Northeast Pennsylvania Spirit of 1776 rally will be held on The Green.
- * **Hollidaysburg Borough (Blair County)**: The Blair County Tea Party will be rallying at the city courthouse.
- * **Hanover Borough (York County)**: Wirt Park will be hosting a Tea Party rally.
- * **Honesdale Borough (Wayne County)**: Constitutional Liberty Equals American Rights will be rallying in the city's Central Park.
- * **Shippensburg University (Cumberland County)**: College Republicans have called for a rally at the university's roller hockey rink.

- * **Lewistown Borough (Mifflin County)**: The Mifflin County 9-12 Project is planning to rally at the corner of S. Main Street and Elizabeth Street.
- * **Kennett Square Borough (Chester County)**: The Coalition for Advancing Freedom is planning a rally outside the VFW Post #5467.
- * **Avondale Borough (Chester County)**: a parallel rally of the Coalition for Advancing Freedom at the corner of State Street & Route 41
- * **Oxford Borough (Chester County)**: Another branch of the Coalition for Advancing Freedom is planning to rally in Oxford Town Center.
- * **Cochranville (Chester County)**: The rally at the intersection of Route 41 and Route 10 has been called by the Coalition for Advancing Freedom.
- * **Jennersville (Chester County)**: The Coalition for Advancing Freedom is planning to rally at the intersection of Route 796 and Old Baltimore Pike.

As previously noted, in PAIB no. 61, several organizations generally associated with the "Tea Party movement" are taking part in a 23-state caravan and series of rallies from Nevada to Washington DC, concluding in the capital on 15 April 2010 for a major Tea Party demonstration. That caravan is slated to arrive in **Erie**, Pennsylvania, on 11 April 2010 for a Tea Party rally.

Related Tea Party events in Pennsylvania scheduled for April include:

- * **York (York County)**: A rally on 10 April 10, at 1 East Market St.
- * **Greensburg (Westmoreland County)**: A rally on 17 April, at the Greensburg-Jeannette Regional Airport, Claridge.
- * **Mercer Borough (Mercer County)**: A rally on 24 April, outside the Mercer County Courthouse (100 N Diamond St.).

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above series of events to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No violence, vandalism or rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control and manage possible counter-protests.

Nonetheless, a small chance exists that more radical anti-government elements will be inspired to "direct action" targeting government offices. In addition, confrontations between Tea Party protesters and their opponents may escalate into physical conflict.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *Militia Training, Radical Right-Wing Anti-Government Events in April*

ITRR analysts have noted a series of paramilitary militia training events, as well as conferences sponsored by anti-government racist organizations, slated for April 2010 in various US locations.

Among the sessions noted was a 24 April 2010 training event organized by the extremist Hutaree Christian organization's militia arm. On Sunday it was reported in open sources that FBI agents have arrested up to seven people in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana as part of an investigation into the Hutaree Christian militia group. Further information on the investigation is not available as of this writing, although a Muslim organization has indicated that they may have been the target of a terrorist plot involving right-wing militia members.

Other militia training events this month include:

* 2-3 April 2010: The North Idaho 21st Light Foot Militia is training in Middle, Tennessee.

* 3 April 2010: The Southeast Michigan Volunteer Militia training is holding its own training.

In addition, the following anti-government racist events are to be held this month:

* 2-4 April 2010: Faith and Freedom Conference of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Harrison, Arkansas

* 2-4 April 2010: "Bible Conference" of the Stone Kingdom Ministries in Manassas, Virginia

* 1-5 April 2010: "Passover Gathering 2010" in Sweetwater, Tennessee, organized by the racist, anti-Semitic Christian Identity movement.

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

T//W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE

ITRR analysts believe there may be significance to the multiplicity of militia para-military training events and racist conferences scheduled during this period. In addition, hostile reactions are expected to the above-mentioned FBI sweep of Hutaree militia members. Radical militias and other anti-government groups are likely to understand the arrests as part of a larger government plan targeting their associations.

ITRR researchers are currently monitoring militia and radical anti-government communications for shared adversarial intelligence or targeting indicators.

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
BANKING AND FINANCE
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ENERGY
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
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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