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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

Current - 11 July 2010: The FIFA 2010 World Cup in South Africa has generated intense and serious jihadist communications regarding the execution of attacks during and at the games. Students, faculty and researchers attending South African educational institutions should be made aware of the specific risks associated with attending World Cup games this year.

Jihadist communications have focused on tactics and strategies for attacks on sports events. ITRR analysts note that the jihadist communications take on added concern due to ongoing high-profile professional sporting events in Pennsylvania.

21-27 June 2010: **STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY** (**SHAC**) activists are calling for "demos, phone calls and emails against HLS' lifeline lender, Fortress Investment Group, and all associated companies." See PAIB No. 98 for the most recent SHAC list of targeted subsidiaries or shareholders in Pennsylvania.

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22-26 June 2010: The radical activist organization known as the **RUCKUS SOCIETY** has announced its participation in a far-left knowledge-sharing event known as the US Social Forum, to take place in Detroit, Michigan. Ruckus Society has previously trained activists for "direct action" against drilling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale area.

23 June 2010: Marcellus Shale Environmental Lobby Day in Harrisburg, sponsored by PA Trout Unlimited and PennEnvironment. They seek a moratorium on further leasing of state forest land.

25 June 2010: Sentencing date for convicted Pennsylvania militia member Marvin Hall. One of five members of two militia groups operating in Clarion and Clearfield counties who were charged with weapons violations, he pleaded guilty in January 2010.

25-27 June 2010: Let Live Conference at Portland State University in Oregon. Described as aimed at "build[ing] a stronger, more effective community and animal liberation movement." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

26 June 2010: A unique nationwide campaign called **HANDS ACROSS THE SANDS**, protesting "against the threat oil drilling poses to America's coastal economies and marine environment." Several of the peaceful, silent protests - in which activists will hold hands briefly in public spaces - are slated for Pennsylvania venues:

- Lancaster (Lancaster County), at Penn's Square
- New Brighton (Beaver County), downtown on 3rd Ave
- Newtown (Bucks County), in Tyler State Park
- Huntingdon County, on the Whipple Dam Beach in Whipple Dam State Park

3 July 2010: A protest rally to "Declare Your Independence from War, Oil and Corporate Power" rally in Philadelphia, organized by the Shalom Center. Activists are to gather in the Independence Visitors Center, 6th and Market St., before the start of the Philly Pops Concert Celebration.

4 July 2010: Tea Party rallies are slated for:

- Philadelphia (LOVE Park and 500 Market St.)
- Avondale (Chester County) (8964 Gap Newport Pike)
- Gettysburg (Adams County Courthouse)
- Bethel Park (Allegheny County) (5098 Alicia Dr.)

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- Harrison City (Westmoreland County) (Bushy Run Battlefield)
- Jeannette (Westmoreland County) (Bushy Run Battlefield State Park)
- Erie (Erie County) (City Hall)
- Pittsburgh (Allegheny County) (Flag Staff Hill AKA Schenley Park).

15-19 July 2010: Animal Rights National Conference 2010 at the Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia: "the world's largest and longest-running animal rights gathering." Likely to have an impact on animal rights activism nationwide.

16-18 July 2010: The **NORTHEAST ANARCHISTS NETWORK** (**NEAN**) is holding its annual assembly in Boston, Massachusetts.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, ENERGY AND POSTAL AND SHIPPING

1. ***'Sticky Bomb' Attack on Oil Tanker Trucks***

On Saturday, 19 June 2010, a magnetic bomb was hurled from a passing car and adhered to a NATO oil tanker truck in Landikotal, in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan. The targeted vehicle was used for supplying Western and allied forces in Afghanistan. A bomb disposal unit located and neutralized the device, which was apparently spotted by an alert driver. The attempted bombing was the fourth such attack targeting NATO tankers in Landikotal in as many months:

- At the end of April 2010, a time bomb that had apparently been planted in a NATO oil truck as it sat in a parking lot was detonated, destroying the vehicle and private property nearby.
- In early April, seven empty oil trucks were torched as they sat in a lot.
- In March, a bomb attached to a NATO oil vehicle carrying 44,000 liters of fuel to NATO troops in Afghanistan was detonated, destroying the truck.

*******ANALYSIS****Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: Low-to-MODERATE**

The use of "sticky bombs" in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq has been repeatedly noted by security forces. In the above instances, the attackers, most likely Taliban, have shifted their targeting to Western and allied supply lines, while adapting tactics seen on the front lines.

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Global terror strategists regularly make note of, and consider adapting, attack tactics they believe could be successful in their own theaters of operation. There is a significant potential for terrorists to emulate the targeting of oil trucks using explosives or magnetic bombs as has been repeatedly seen in Landikotal, Pakistan.

Security personnel for oil or other volatile chemical supply lines and vehicles are advised to maintain heightened awareness and to secure relevant assets, including while vehicles are on the road or in way-stations.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; POSTAL AND SHIPPING

2. *Anti-Israel Activists Targeting the Ports*

More than 500 anti-Israel protesters picketed at the Port of Oakland in California on Sunday in an effort to prevent or delay an Israeli cargo ship from docking. The protesters showed up in two shifts, timed to coincide with the arrival of dockworkers scheduled to unload the Israeli Zim Lines ship.

The protest was organized, in part by the far-left radical **ANSWER COALITION**. The group's spokesperson claimed that they had succeeded in preventing the ship from docking for several hours, but Israeli officials deny that there was any delay. Two pro-Israel activists arrived in the afternoon and took up a position across the street from the anti-Israel crowd.

******ANALYSIS****Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**
The ANSWER Coalition is presenting the protest as a success in temporarily blocking Israeli shipping into the Port of Oakland; however, even if there was no delay, the protest was a success from the perspective of anti-Israel activists both in terms of international media coverage and the numbers of people who took part. The targeting of Israeli imports at their point of entry to the United States, while still on board Israeli ships, keeps attention focused on what the protesters see as Israeli "piracy" in enforcing its sea blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. Such tactics are likely to be emulated in other port cities and in those cities which host companies importing from Israel. In Pennsylvania, this means the Port of Philadelphia and the Port of Chester (Delaware County), which both receive Israeli imports. In addition, the following Pennsylvania companies import from Israel on a regular basis:

- ALEF Packaging in Conshohocken
- American Lumber in Union City
- ARMCO in Butler
- Blue Star Wine in Philadelphia
- Bradford Electronics in Bradford

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- Calvin Klein in Nesquehoning (possibly just a local mailing address)
- Eisers in Hazleton
- First Quality Products in Clinton County Industrial Park, McElhattan
- Gallagher Tire in Levittown
- Geiger Companies in Harleysville
- Gilmour Manufacturing Co. (Division of Vermont American Corp.) in Somerset
- H & F Manufacturing in Warminster
- I.C. Imports, Inc. in Narberth
- Israel Giftware Designs Co. (Division of Giftware International) in Philadelphia
- Metlab in Wyndmoor
- North American Film in Bridgeport
- Paragon Trading in Harmony
- Quigley Motors in Manchester
- Rite Aid Corp. in Harrisburg (PO Box address)
- Schwartz Imports & Exports in Kingston
- Service Chemical in Hatfield
- Teledyne in Latrobe
- Wilson Safe in Philadelphia

SECTOR: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Focus on Freeing Imprisoned Jihadists*

In PAIB editions this month and last, ITRR analysts indicated that **AL-QAEDA OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA** (**AQAP**) had a strong intention to conduct operations to free their members who were arrested by security forces.

On 19 June 2010, an AQAP cell conducted an attack on a security headquarters in Sana'a, Yemen, releasing an unknown number of prisoners. ITRR analysts confirm that the attack was part of the previously identified campaign to free Al-Qaeda and Al-Qaeda-linked prisoners currently imprisoned in the Arabian Peninsula.

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*****ANALYSIS***Threat/Indicator/Warning Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE**
As noted in PAIB No. 95, recent communications from AQAP have included specific guidance and targeting indicating a firm intention to carry out a significant attack or kidnapping in the near term. However, as noted in PAIB No. 91, for Al-Qaeda the entire world is a single theater with many individual fronts. Thus, ITRR analysts caution that abductions inspired by events in the Arabian Peninsula need not be perpetrated specifically in that region (although ITRR analysts note that the continued focus on conducting kidnapping operations indicates AQAP's more immediate, serious intent).

The Al-Qaeda branch that has been most active in abductions and hostage-taking has been **AL-QAEDA IN THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB** (northwestern Africa). The group has perpetrated many kidnappings or obtained hostages captured in states bordering the regions where AQIM has significant bases of operation. Mali, Niger and Mauritania, specifically, have become high-risk regions for Westerners (PAIB Nos. 23, 30 and 31), even as AQIM is based primarily in Algeria. Somalia has also seen a rise in the number of Western hostages as the Al-Qaeda-linked **SHABAB AL-MUJAHIDEEN** have made serious inroads in that country. As stated by ITRR analysts (in PAIB No. 37), there has generally been high mobility in hostage-taking operations perpetrated by jihadist groups.

ITRR analysts further reiterate that jihadist communications have been increasingly focusing on Western, higher education institutions in Islamic lands, as well as on the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). ITRR analysts additionally note that the latest AQAP communications specifically name cultural institutions and churches as preferred targets, as well.

In light of the ongoing multiple risk indicators, ITRR recommends that Pennsylvanian students, faculty, researchers and volunteers in northwestern and East Africa, as well as in other high-risk Muslim-majority regions (e.g., Philippines, Indonesia, Russia and India), enhance accountability, vary travel routines and increase situational awareness. Students and researchers at KAUST, American University branches in Cairo, Beirut and Sharjah (UAE), and other regional educational facilities should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity. Also of note in this regard is the American University of Afghanistan, the American University of Dubai, the American University of Iraq and the American University of Kuwait.

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4. ***Irish Separatists Continue Their Campaign***

Dissident Republican factions, splinters of the **IRA**, continue to perpetrate terrorist attacks in Northern Ireland. Last Thursday, a van containing 300 pounds of explosives was left outside a police station in the village of Aughnacloy in County Tyrone. A call to authorities about the bomb led to an evacuation of 350 local residents.

Police said that "complete devastation," including the murder of law enforcement personnel, was avoided only because the VBIED failed to detonate.

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

In PAIB No. 52, ITRR researchers noted that there has been a notable increase in terrorist actions by Irish republican factions since late last year. In September 2009, cells of armed thugs - purportedly affiliated with republican dissident terror groups such as the **REAL IRA** (**RIRA**) or **CONTINUITY IRA** (**CIRA**) - were intensely attempting to revive sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. The related arrests at the time, of several CIRA would-be terrorists in Northern Ireland, sparked violence and rail sabotage.

February 2010 saw an increase in attempts to perpetrate large-scale attacks, which ITRR analysts identified at the time as motivated by the Hillsborough Agreement between republican and unionist political factions, which transferred policing and judicial powers in Northern Ireland from London to Belfast. A number of police stations, police officers and patrol cars have been targeted in serious terrorist bombings since that time.

Active cells of RIRA and CIRA remain an ongoing threat in Northern Ireland. The dissident republican groups are primarily targeting law enforcement; however, last year saw targeting of civilian assets such as Orange Halls and GAA (Gaelic soccer) clubs in North Antrim, churches and Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) halls.

The 18 June-31 August 2010 Marching Season in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for anti-British and anti-loyalist violence. The traditional Protestant loyalist marches take place in Belfast and Londonderry, with the most significant risk surrounding the 12 July march. Last year, there were violent clashes between republican and unionist (Catholic and Protestant) Northern Irish gangs that marred Marching Season. However, the first of the parades this year, the Tour of the North, was without incident.

Sectarian violence has thus far been fairly limited to specific targets and areas of Northern Ireland. Nonetheless, general situational awareness is called for among students and faculty associated with overseas programs in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

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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
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
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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