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ONGOING STRATEGIC-LEVEL RESEARCH

1. **Indian Insurgents Again Escalate Terror Campaign**

Splinter factions and organized cells of the **Naxalite** (Communist separatist) group operating in India have escalated their attacks in recent weeks. 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 progressing, 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)

2. **Anti-Mosque Protest Near New York's 'Ground Zero'**

New York City municipal authorities have approved the construction of a 14-story mega-mosque and Muslim cultural center near "Ground Zero, the site of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks that brought down the Twin Trade Towers. In reaction, a group known as Stop Islamization of America (SIOA) is planning to protest against the decision on 6 June 2010 just outside Zuccotti Park. In

Pennsylvania, Muslim community activists may seek to express their rage over the anti-mosque activism in New York in either organized or spontaneous protests. Additionally, anti-Muslim protests or vandalism may be initiated in response to the events. ITRR analysts are monitoring relevant communications for risk indicators. (PAIB No. 92)

3. **'Anti-Infrastructure' Group Takes up Amazon Cause**

The *Belo Monte* dam project in Brazil has attracted the attention of environmentalist and anarchist groups outside the country. Specifically, the **Root Force** group has focused on the project as a rallying point. Root Force is a radical, anti-globalist organization that seeks to "exploit weak points in the global economy and hasten the system's collapse," by supporting those fighting the development of highways, railways, ports, dams, mines, oil and gas pipelines, power plants, power lines and telecommunications cables. A specific focus for Root Force is infrastructure that provides access to resources in Latin America, "because the US economy is particularly dependent on ... those resources." ITRR is monitoring adversarial communications for regional Pennsylvania targeting, as well as advising Pennsylvania students in Brazil to heighten situational awareness at this time. (PAIB No. 89)

4. **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. While there are, as yet, no indications of **IEC** or other Caucasus terrorist capability in North America, the increasing globalization of **Al-Qaeda** and its affinity groups leaves open the very real possibility of such capability developing just below the radar. In addition, lone-wolf jihadists of Slavic or Caucasus background may be inspired by aggressive anti-Russian incitement in Russian-language jihadist communications. (PAIB No. 87)

5. **'Gay Pride' Events Disrupted by Neo-Nazis**

ITRR researchers have recently noted indications of focused, anti-gay chatter among right-wing militia supporters. Upcoming "gay pride" events worldwide may serve as trigger events for such radicals with an anti-gay agenda. This month, for example, dozens of neo-Nazis threw stones, eggs and smoke bombs into crowds taking part in gay pride parades in the Eastern European states of Belarus and Slovakia, causing the events to be halted or disrupted.

Upcoming major Pennsylvania gay pride events include:

- 5 June 2010, **Pittsburgh**: Dyke and Trans March
- 12 June 2010, **Pittsburgh**: Pride in the Street outdoor party

- 13 June 2010, **Pittsburgh**: Gay Pride Awareness March and concluding festival
- 13 June 2010, **Philadelphia**: Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Parade and Festival

Anti-gay White supremacist and far-right militia communications are currently under review by ITRR domestic terrorism analysts. As of this writing, no communications indicating activity as seen in Eastern Europe has been identified.

6. *Tactics: UK White Supremacists Planned Ricin Attack*

Two White supremacists in the UK were recently arrested for apparently planning to murder Jews and Muslims using ricin, pipe bombs and other methods gleaned from anarchist and far-right online manuals. As the plotters clearly shared information with hundreds of others sympathetic to White supremacist ideology, through their international **ARYAN STRIKE FORCE** organization and website, ITRR analysts are monitoring relevant communications for indications of similar lone-wolf White supremacist terror planning in North America. ARYAN STRIKE FORCE has close links to the **RACIAL VOLUNTEER FORCE** (RVF), which is itself a spin-off of **COMBAT 18** and **BLOOD AND HONOUR**, which has North American chapters and has organized prison gangs. (PAIB No. 83)

7. *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 activities (both 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 & 89)

8. *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

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

9. *Israeli Defense Force Raid on Gaza Flotilla Continues to Make Waves; Jihadists React*

Protests continue in various locations worldwide in the wake of the clash between the IDF and anti-Israel activists attempting to violate a maritime embargo on Gaza this week (see PAIB Nos. 91 and 92). (Israeli security services have issued a travel advisory recommending that all Israeli civilians leave Turkey immediately.)

The most volatile anti-Israel protests have been in Turkey, Israel, France, Iran and Greece, with protests also taking place throughout the Arab countries, as well as in the United States, Italy, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Cyprus and elsewhere. In Pennsylvania, a protest was organized by anti-Israel activists outside the Israeli consulate in Philadelphia on 1 June 2010.

In addition, jihadist communications in the wake of the confrontation have included specific statements and calls for retaliatory attacks against Israelis, Jews and Americans.

The **AL-AQSA MARTYRS BRIGADES**, the Fatah movement's armed wing, released a statement saying the "crimes" were "carried out by the Zionist-US occupation forces ... against the Muslim activists" The group promises: "There will be a punishment for this despicable crime. ...We call on all the factions to [attack] Israel and the settlements ... to react immediately.... We call on all the Arab countries to expel Israeli ambassadors from their countries and not just condemn [the crime]."

A separate internal jihadist communication named Jewish tourists and businesspeople worldwide as high-priority targets for abduction. In the words of the targeting guidance, "You can kill, attack, take captive: businessmen, tourists." It is the intent of the terrorists to use hostages "to release prisoners in the Jewish prison."

Other jihadist communications warned, in a message addressed to "the Islamic nation in the East and the West," that "the response is coming, Jews and Americans." The jihadists then "call on all the Muslims to operate as follows: attack Jews and American interests wherever they are; attack US warships wherever they are, and especially those ... that enter the Arabian Gulf; we call on all sons of the Islamic nation to join the jihad fighters for the sake of Muslims and Islam; and to the family of jihad everywhere, we call on you to help your brothers in Gaza and to intensify your quality operations against the enemies of Allah."

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

Israel and Turkey

ITRR recommends that Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty at the many overseas programs in Israel (such as those of Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers in the country, heighten situational awareness at this time. Security risks come from violent protests and lone-wolf attacks, as well as organized terrorism. ITRR further recommends adhering carefully to any instructions provided by Israeli security forces.

University of Pittsburgh summer school students in Turkey are advised to maintain heightened situational awareness at the current time. Specifically at risk are areas around the Israeli embassy and those sites known to be frequented by Israeli and Western tourists.

Pennsylvania

Worldwide, more demonstrations against Israel are expected to be concentrated on Israeli embassies and consulates in coming days (such as the consulate in Philadelphia). Today, 2 June 2010, anti-Israel activists from the Pittsburgh Palestine Solidarity Committee, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Code Pink are planning a protest rally at the Federal Building (600 Grant St.) in Pittsburgh.

More generally, all Jewish and Israeli-identified assets worldwide are currently under increased threat of uncontrolled protests or physical attack. Such assets include high-profile Jewish institutions, synagogues or communal events.

ITRR researchers are continuing to monitor jihadist and anarchist communications for indications of lone wolf calls to arms or protest events in Pennsylvania.

10. World Environment Day Events in Pittsburgh

From 2-5 June 2010, Pittsburgh will be hosting a series of environmental awareness events, culminating with the United Nations Environment Program's World Environment Day (WED). As first noted in PAIB No. 84, WED has been preceded by nearly two months of mainstream global environmentalist activities under international auspices.

pre-WED and WED events in Pittsburgh include:

- 3-6 June - Stony-Kiski-Conemaugh Rivers Sojourn
- 4-13 June - Convergence: Art and Environment at the Three Rivers Arts Festival

- 5 June - Paddle at the Point: Venture Outdoors and other groups attempt to set a new record for the world's largest kayak and canoe flotilla.
- 5 June - Earth Extravaganza
- 5 June - World Environment Day at Carnegie Science Center
- 5 June - Opening of Earth House
- 5 June - Millvale CleanSweep II
- 5 June - "Love Your Watershed Day"
- 5-6 June - Building an Outdoor Classroom

Parallel World Environment Day gatherings are to be held in six other cities, one in each continent.

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

T/I/W Rating: LOW

ITRR researchers note that past WED have sometimes been met with marches and protests in various locations around the world.

As recent communications among eco-terror sympathizers have targeted corporate and state entities that are ostensibly involved in environmental conservation activities, ITRR analysts are monitoring for Pittsburgh targeting among such adversarial elements. As of this writing, no specific risk indicators have been identified by ITRR.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND ENERGY

11. *Radicals Again Call to 'Seize BP' Assets*

The radical anti-capitalist **ANSWER COALITION** is planning a series of protests and undefined "actions" against the BP energy corporation from 3-5 June 2010. What the group is calling "Seize BP Days of Action" is slated to take place in dozens of cities throughout the United States.

A separate grassroots protest and boycott of BP is expected to take place on 6 June 2010. The potential response to the latter event is unknown at the current time, because organizational efforts are not apparent beyond a Facebook group dedicated to the issue.

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

ITRR analysts note that the above calls for anti-BP demonstrations come on the heels of a previous call to "seize BP" on 12 May 2010 (as cited in PAIB No. 82) and a campaign to blockade BP service stations nationwide (as cited in PAIB No. 80; see there for a list of BP stations in Pennsylvania). As noted previously, BP stations are only one of the multinational's corporate holdings that may be targeted by determined environmentalists. The BP group includes Amoco, ARCO and BP, as well as the AM/PM outlets and Castrol motor oil. ITRR analysts believe that varying types of protests are likely to be held at BP and subsidiary locations throughout Pennsylvania.

Security personnel and law enforcement should be aware of the planned protests, which may include illegal or violent "direct action" by radical anti-capitalist, anarchist or environmentalist elements in attendance. Primarily, however, law enforcement is likely to have to focus on crowd control, as well as identifying and isolating uncontrolled participants.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

12. *Protest in Allentown Against Arrest of FIJA Activist*

On 11 May 2010, an activist of the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) was arrested for allegedly assaulting a US Marshall. Supporters of the activist and FIJA believe he was wrongly arrested and therefore intend to hold a march and rally at the Allentown Federal Courthouse on 4 June 2010.

Activists will meet at the plaza at 7th and Hamilton St. in the morning and "march through Allentown with signs, banners and pamphlets." The march will take them to the Federal Courthouse at 5th and Hamilton St.

The event is being promoted as a "peaceful demonstration ... for the public to show their support for George Donnelly ..." Organizers said, "The only reasonable response is to return with at least dozens of peace lovers. We want to match their aggression with love, times 100!" They will be distributing pamphlets, protesting and filming the event.

Donnelly was arrested as he filmed his fellow FIJA members' pamphleting efforts at the courthouse. After his arrest, FIJA says, Donnelly "remains under house arrest pending further action by the judge."

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

FIJA is primarily involved in advocacy on behalf of what they see as the legal rights and obligations of jurors, within the context of the law. As the Allentown protest organizers have been careful to promote a peaceful, law-abiding event, ITRR analysts expect that law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control.

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
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
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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