

PENNSYLVANIA ACTIONABLE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING #14

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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **30 November 2009:** *The Mobilization for Climate Justice is a North America-based umbrella group calling for direct actions to occur in advance of the United Nations Climate Talks scheduled for Copenhagen* (reported in 18 Nov 2009 PAIB) The Philadelphia protest will take place at Bank of America, 1600 JFK Blvd.
- **3 December 2009:** PA Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign and the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, will be holding a protest rally at the Federal Building, Broad and Spring Garden Streets in Philadelphia. (reported in 27 November 2009 PAIB)
- **4 December 2009:** Anarchists and Environmental activists, dressed as Santa, hold nationwide demonstrations against EPA to protest coal companies' practice of mountaintop removal. They have been encouraged by organizers to show up "drunk and obnoxious" (reported in 9 Nov 2009 AIB)
- **4-6 December 2009:** "Ruckus Group" holding anti-pipeline training in Ithaca, NY. Among their targets; PA companies drilling in the Marcellus Shale (reported in 2 Nov 2009 PAIB)
- **7-18 December 2009:** The 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. Climate activists are gearing up to stage protests across the globe. (reported in 18 Nov 2009 PAIB)
- **25-27 December 2009:** Salafi institution based in Philadelphia that published an article justifying death to those who criticize Islam, hosts its "Deen Intensive" (deen in Arabic means "religion") event featuring a speech by a Damascus-based cleric (reported in 13 Nov 2009 PAIB)

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, EMERGENCY SERVICES

Anti-War Protest at West Chester U.

An anti-war protest by students of West Chester (Pennsylvania) University is scheduled for 5 December 2009. The protest, set to start at 11:00 AM, will get underway at the Sykes Student Union.

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

TAM-C analysts note that, although the turnout will likely be small at West Chester University, West Chester is home to an Anarchist group that identifies itself with the Northeast Anarchist Network (NEAN), which extends from Maine to Washington, DC.

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Protests

As previously reported in the PAIB, TAM-C analysts have identified the Pennsylvania-specific times and locations for the “nationwide emergency protest” that will take place, on the next business day after the President’s announcement on how the US will proceed in Afghanistan. These expected protests are:

- **Pittsburgh:** Schenley Plaza, 4100 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 on 2 December 2009 from 4:30-6:00PM. at 6PM.
- **Philadelphia:** West Side of City Hall (15th and Market) on 2 December 2009 from 4:30-6:00PM.

Some of the protests in major cities nationwide are led by organizations that have used civil disobedience in the past (i.e. CODEPINK). TAM-C analysts believe that these organizations are likely to use civil disobedience in the forthcoming protests, as well.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Jihadists Look at Fast-Food Stands to Spread Infectious Disease

Jihadist communications intercepted by TAM-C analysts contain discussions of the use of anthrax or infectious disease strains targeting civilian populations and government facilities, specifically American, and how it might be done.

Some of the methods suggested by the jihadists include:

1. injecting a disease into a rodent and releasing him in residential neighborhoods or cities; specifically mentioned in the latter case are public toilets used by many people;
2. selling infected fast food, such as hot dogs, at American festivals (and sporting events); and
3. selling food products tainted with an infectious disease near government offices and commercial centers, in a location convenient for access to government employees.

An intercepted communication on the topic of biological agents notes that "it will take time until someone gets sick so [the jihadist] will have time to run away."

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

TAM-C analysts note that the recent jihadist discussion of infectious diseases takes on added significance among previous jihadist communications focusing on biological and chemical weapons use. The likelihood is that many people so infected - for example, in sports stadiums or other crowded venues - will unknowingly infect others before they develop symptoms.

An attack such as that discussed in recent jihadist communications, using a biological agent or infectious disease, is very hard to prepare for, according to TAM-C analysts. However, an awareness of the possibility of such a terror method can help contain an attack if one is initiated.

TAM-C analysts recommend that public health officials be made aware of jihadist discussions of the desire and intent to introduce biological agents into the US food stream.

Sectors: TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, WATER

'Manual of Mayhem': Poison Reservoirs, Sabotage Trains

An action manual put together by SEGI, a Basque terror organization allied with the ETA, provides guidance encouragement for poisoning reservoirs, sabotaging trains and slipping incendiary mixtures into ballot envelopes during elections.

When discussing sabotaging train lines, the SEGI manual suggests detailed methods, such as: causing shorts in the electric cables; placing barricades on the tracks; manipulating the switching signals; and removing the electrical system of traffic indicator lights. The SEGI terrorists acknowledge that such acts of sabotage on a rail line "can cause deaths." Yet, this does not deter them.

Furthermore, SEGI calls poisoning water supplies a "very significant" attack.

The manual also explains how to make an incendiary mix, assure the destructiveness of the ensuing fire, and how to place the mixture in an envelope such that the terrorist will have an opportunity to escape.

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

TAM-C analysts observe that terrorists of various, even opposite, motivations learn from one another directly or indirectly. Thus, just as an Anarchist explosives and toxins handbook recently appeared on jihadist forums, it is expected that the Basque terror manual is similarly making the rounds outside the circle of ETA sympathizers and into the hands of Anarchists, right-wing militias and White supremacists.

In any case, many of the most destructive tactics detailed in the SEGI manual would require pre-operational surveillance at targeted reservoirs, subways and rail lines.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

A 'Thousand Cuts' Strategy in Germany

Strategic analysis among some jihadists suggests adopting a "thousand cuts" approach to Germany, as they wait for Al-Qaeda to make good on its October promise to carry out a major attack.

According to one communication intercepted by TAM-C analysts, addressed to European Muslims:

You should organize small attacks inside Germany and the rest of Europe. The targets should be places where security is low, but that have meaning - like museums, cinemas and clubs. The purpose isn't to get a lot of casualties or damage, but to make them fearful due to terrorism. After we will confuse the enemy about our intentions and methods with the small attacks, then the big attack will happen.

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

TAM-C analysis identifies American students and business interests overseas as attractive targets for such self-starting jihad attacks. The incitement level must also be considered in light of the admiration expressed for the self-starting jihad attack by Nidal Hasan at Ft. Hood in the United States.

TAM-C will be monitoring for an increase in tempo of such calls targeting Germany and other European states.

A Warning to Israel

A little-known Palestinian Authority jihadist organization known as the Battalion of Revenge has issued its own new threat against Israel.

The Battalion specifically states that it is not bound by a recent Hamas decision to halt rocket attacks on Jewish towns in the Negev. "We in the Army of Revenge are ready to continue with the jihad until the liberation of every part of the land occupied by Israel," their statement said.

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

The Revenge Battalion's reach is deemed by TAM-C analysts to be very limited at the current time. Nonetheless, depending on its technical capabilities, it can relatively simply continue to launch rockets at Israeli towns. Pennsylvania students and business interests in the region are advised that the south of Israel is likely to be targeted as the Battalion attempts to assert its independence.

Threat to Belgium Following Claim of Anti-Islam Coercion

In the wake of reports from Belgium that prison guards beat prisoners and forced Muslim inmates to make statements defamatory of Muhammad, and the resulting prison riots, recent jihadist communications have focused on Brussels.

One such communication said simply: "The next attack will be in Brussels."

Also apparently in response to the claims of prisoner abuse, Muslim youth rioted in the Brussels suburbs of Anderlecht and Vorst on 20 November 2009. A police station next to the municipality was completely destroyed by a Molotov cocktail and the city hall was also targeted.

Possibly related to the recent unrest, on 23 November 2009 a suspicious device was planted near a vehicle belonging to a member of the American diplomatic corps resident in Brussels. The US Embassy and Belgian officials believe the device was placed in order to target foreigners.

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

The intercepted communications and news items regarding Belgium may inspire lone-wolf attacks in Belgium, as well as further rioting. TAM-C analysis identifies American students and business interests overseas as attractive targets for such self-starting jihad attacks.

TAM-C will be monitoring for an increase in tempo of such calls for independent jihad attacks. TAM-C notes that a key adversarial targeting date may be 3 or 4 December 2009, when NATO foreign ministers are slated to meet in Brussels.

Swiss to Ban Minarets; Likely Jihadist Reaction

In a referendum concluded Sunday, 29 November 2009, the Swiss people have approved a measure by nearly 58 percent to ban mosque minarets from their country.

Muslims comprise approximately six percent of the Swiss population of 7.5 million.

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

TAM-C analysts note that jihadists have initiated incitement campaigns, murders, riots and terrorist bombings targeting entire nations for actions far less serious and by private individuals. Examples include the Danish cartoon controversy; Geert Wilders film *Fitna*, the murder of Van Gogh for his film made with MP Hirsi Ali, rumors of Koran desecrations, and perceived slights against Muslims or the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

The current Swiss referendum involves a far more widespread and practical infringement of Islam, agreed to by most of Swiss society and most cantons. Therefore, TAM-C analysts believe that jihadists will almost certainly exploit the recent vote as fodder for inspiring attacks on Swiss interests.

While TAM-C analysts do not believe the jihadists will make great efforts to differentiate between the various cantons of Switzerland, Pennsylvania students and business interests in the region are advised that some areas may be prioritized for attack. Lower on the list may be the cantons of Geneva, Vaud, Neuchatal and Basel-Stadt, the only ones which opposed the ban on minarets.

In addition to the likely increased threat of terrorism within Switzerland, including lone-wolf attacks, TAM-C analysts believe that Swiss interests and assets in the United States and elsewhere will now be under greater scrutiny by jihadists.

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