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STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

1. CCTV Mapping and How it Aids Terrorists

Like career criminals, terrorists of all kinds often carry out pre-operational surveillance to determine, among many other things, the location and number of CCTV surveillance cameras in their target location.

True, terrorists in the midst of carrying out suicide attacks may not concern themselves with CCTV coverage, but those who plan such attacks and those who assist the attackers certainly do, as do those perpetrating remote attacks or attacks they hope to repeat (VBIED and IED placement, sabotage, assassination, ideological vandalism, drive-by shooting, arson, etc.). In the case of preparing suicide attackers for their mission, advance knowledge of surveillance camera placement can sometimes facilitate their undetected access to heavily populated or significant target areas. For other terrorists, CCTV awareness helps them avoid premature detection of their actions, effectively conceal their identities or facilitate an unnoticed escape from authorities.

This phenomenon most recently came to the fore in Greece, where police shot and killed a suspected anarchist terrorist in an exchange of gun fire (see PAIB no. 60) on 10 March 2010. The confrontation ensued when the anarchist, Lambros Fountas, and his associates were interrupted while trying to steal a car.

Subsequent investigation by counterterrorism officers into the activities of Mr. Fountas revealed that he had in his possession a map of CCTV surveillance cameras throughout Athens. Police sources told the Greek media that the map, a handmade sketch, "pinpoints all the capital's

street cameras and includes notes regarding the scope and blind spots of each camera's lens." The find has strengthened the police assumption that Fountas was a central figure in a Greek anarchist terror organization. Based on the map in his possession and the circumstances of his death, there is some police speculation that Fountas was planning to place a VBIED at an Athens location using a stolen vehicle.

In the United States, anarchist groups have already made use of surveillance camera mapping for their own purposes. ITRR analysts note that ahead of the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, anarchist activists carried out a survey of CCTV camera locations in the city. The subsequent anarchist-led disorders during the event were possibly facilitated by riot leaders identifying staging areas, targets of vandalism or paths of escape for key activists that were "invisible" to area CCTV cameras. ITRR analysts expect that the same method was used by anarchist instigators prior to the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Since at least 2003, most recently in 2010, there have been efforts to crowd-source virtual maps of the large network of CCTV surveillance cameras in the United Kingdom. In some cases, this has been partly accomplished by Freedom of Information requests. In 2006, such a request was made for details of the location of CCTV cameras operated by the UK Highways Agency. Maps of the highway cameras were provided.

In Canada, ahead of the 2010 Olympics, privacy rights activists surveyed downtown Vancouver and mapped over 2,000 security cameras. In their report on their August 2009 findings, the activists noted that by "February 2010, between 900 and 1,000 new cameras have been added as part of the Olympic security preparations."

Similarly, in Italy activists started a project designed to publicize the location of surveillance cameras, including private CCTV cameras pointed into public spaces. The Anopticon Project, launched in January 2010, uses online mapping as a means to pinpoint all known CCTV cameras in Venice and other cities.

Pennsylvania Revolution - a website self-described as "inspired by the ideas of individual freedom, personal liberty and the constitution of the commonwealth and of the United States" - began its own project in August 2009 to map "all the known camera's [*sic*] in PA. The list is already over 400 camera's [*sic*] including Lancaster City and Penndot Traffic Cameras. Remember this is a small tidbit of the cameras every day."

[The Pennsylvania Revolution map "is a website owned, operated and displays the views and opinions of Scott Davis and several contributors to the site."]

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. The 'Tea Party Express' is on the Way

Several organizations generally associated with the "Tea Party movement" are preparing for a 23-state caravan and series of rallies from Nevada to Washington DC. The "Tea Party Express", as it is being called, will start with a "Mega Rally in Searchlight, NV (hometown to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid)" and arrive in the capital on 15 April 2010, for a major mass demonstration.

The caravan is slated to arrive in Erie, Pennsylvania, on 11 April 2010 for a Tea Party rally. The location of the event has yet to be announced.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T//W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above event to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No illegality, violence, vandalism or other 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; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. Anti-Nuclear Protest March to Stop in PA

A "Walk for Nuclear Abolition" is slated to take place from 8-29 April 2010. The "walk" is to start in Washington, DC and make its way to New York City ahead of a United Nations session on nuclear non-proliferation (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review, 3-28 May 2010).

The anti-nuclear activists taking part in the "walk" will be in the Philadelphia area from 19-22 April. They are to be hosted by the Brandywine Peace Community while in the city. On 22 April they will attend a Nuclear Free Earth Day Rally in Independence Mall.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T//W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above event to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. As in other protests of this nature, there remains a small chance that more radical elements will be inspired to take "direct action", such as civil disobedience.

Sectors: ENERGY; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. Targeting the EPA Over MTR Mining

Activists protesting mountaintop removal (MTR) mining have issued a call for assistance in "turning up the social media heat on Lisa Jackson today." Jackson is the Environmental Protection Agency's top administrator and she has recently begun communicating in an official capacity through social media sites such as Twitter. The anti-MTR activists have therefore called for supporters to send her Internet messages supporting the actions of protesters who chained themselves to a 20-foot-tall structure they constructed outside her Washington DC office on 18 March 2010.

***** ANALYSIS*****

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

Previous calls for assistance in putting pressure on the EPA have already led to sympathetic actions in Pennsylvania. As noted in PAIB no. 50 (22 February 2010), anti-MTR activists decided to target the EPA offices in Philadelphia on 1 March 2010. On that date, about 40 activists gathered at the building for a sit-in, until they were granted a meeting with EPA officials. In their description of the event, the anti-MTR activists said they had "a successful engagement" and that their demands were met.

In light of the recent anti-MTR actions focused on the EPA, ITRR analysts believe that additional protests are possible at the Philadelphia EPA offices (1650 Arch St.) in coming days.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES

5. Good Friday 'Civil Disobedience' at Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge

On 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. Billing the event as "Good Friday civil disobedience", the activists will gather on Goddard Boulevard, behind the King of Prussia Mall, across the street from Lockheed Martin.

This anti-war protest is an annual event called "Good Friday Stations of Justice & Peace" and is "modeled on the traditional Stations of the Cross...." The activists will set up large wooden crosses with the Lockheed Martin logo at the crucifixion nail points, which "signify the human cost of war as well as the social and environmental casualties of militarism and Lockheed Martin, the world largest war profiteer and weapons builder."

***** ANALYSIS*****

T/I/W Rating: LOW

ITRR analysts believe the above event will be non-violent, although it is unclear what the organizers feel will constitute "civil disobedience" in this case. ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. Law enforcement personnel are expected to primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. However police personnel should be prepared to counter demonstrator tactics which may include trespass and locking themselves to the facility's gate.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

6. Special Reminder: Anti-War Protests in DC; Possible Repercussions in PA

Anti-war protesters from around the US are expected to gather in large numbers in Washington DC this Saturday, 20 March, for a "National March on Washington". They will be calling for an end to US-led wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (and most likely in Pakistan and Yemen, too), as well as for an end to ongoing imprisonments in Guantanamo Bay, the Patriot Act, private defense contractors, and support for Israel.

As noted in PAIB no. 58, anti-war activists in Pennsylvania are planning related events for Friday and Saturday. These include:

* A "peace vigil" protest today, 19 March 2010, outside the Newton facilities of Lockheed Martin, at Silver Lake Park on the Route 413 Bypass.

* Also today, anti-war protesters are gathering for a protest on the Morrisville, Pennsylvania, side of the "Trenton Makes" Bridge (connecting Trenton, New Jersey, and Morrisville).

* On 20 March 2010, the Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) is planning a protest event and vigil outside Franklin Mills Mall, at the corner of Knights Rd. and Woodhaven Rd. in northeast Philadelphia. They will be calling for the closure of the Army Experience Center (AEC) at the mall.

In addition to the foregoing, the organizers of an ongoing anti-war gathering in Washington called Camp OUT NOW (which was set up to "direct civil disruptions of DC activities") have declared 22 March 2010 as the start of a new campaign. The announcement declares that "acts of civil resistance will begin... and we will end when the troops start to come home." The Camp OUT NOW organizers say they expect each person's "individual commitment" to consist of an act of "civil resistance" "at least once a week", which can include "contributing to the running and infrastructure of our encampment and the care and feeding of activists."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts expect the above Pennsylvania events to be non-violent, although ITRR has no current information regarding necessary police permits. Nonetheless, it appears that law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control. As in other protests of this nature, there remains a chance that radical elements will be inspired to take "direct action", which can include civil disobedience, vandalism or more vigorous protesting.

In addition, as ITRR analysts stated in PAIB no. 50, the Camp OUT NOW call for "acts of civil resistance" should not be dismissed, due to the potential involvement of violent groups and individuals (including Anarchists and eco-terrorists). Furthermore, ITRR analysts noted that such acts of "resistance" may be inspired among activists in Pennsylvania. Targets of any such actions would likely include federal and state government offices, as well as military facilities and recruitment stations.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

7. “Mujahidin World Cup”: Rereleased

A 34 minute video first released before the 2006 World Cup, has been released again on jihadi websites as the 2010 South African World Cup approaches.

The clip asks the viewers “*which is a more beautiful goal?*” then shows a football kick and a goal, then it asks “*or this...*” and an American Humvee is seen being blown up in Iraq. The narration continues in claiming that Muslim youngsters care more about football than they do the jihad and that it is deteriorating the Muslim spirit.

The video shows extremely graphic footage of Muslim victims in Iraq and Gaza including children’s bodies. The footage moves on to show American soldiers’ bodies being mutilated and burned.

The message being sent is that football is the beginning of the way away from jihad, and that the youth need to look at what is happening to Muslims around the world and to join the violent jihad.

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

This particular message has been released again because of the 2010 World Cup. However, it shows a continuous effort to recruit young people away from Western activities and attempts to encourage the joining of the international jihad. Additionally, it continues to reflect the jihadists’ focus on sporting events as contrary to the jihadist spirit and therefore, worthy of targeting. (PAIB nos. 42, 47, 54 and 57)

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HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATIONS
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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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.
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