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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists are 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; singled-out for activism is the week of **17-24 April 2010**.
- **18-25 April 2010:** ITRR analysts have noted increased chatter among jihadists, anarchists and radical anti-war elements discussing hostile attacks on Jewish and Israeli assets worldwide; this may include **small Israel Independence Day events in Pennsylvania**. Such events in April, which may draw the attention of local lone-wolf attackers or anti-Israel activists include:
 - **19 April 2010:** the congregations of Shaare Shamayim in Philadelphia, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Congregation Mikveh Israel in **Philadelphia**, and an outdoor event at the **Wilson Farm Park in Wayne**
 - **20 April 2010:** the **Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh**

- **21 April 2010:** the **Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley**
- **25 April 2010:** **Riverside Theater in Bristol.**
- **19 April 2010:** A Second Amendment March/Rally in Washington, DC, as well as related events across the nation in the month of April. 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**.
- **21 April 2010:** Progressive Democrats of America will be holding Brown Bag Lunch Vigils, to protest US involvement in the ongoing wars in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, at the offices of:
 - Congressman Bob Brady at 1907-09 S. Broad St. in **Philadelphia**
 - Congressman Chaka Fattah at 4104 Walnut St. in **Philadelphia**
 - Congressman Charlie Dent at 701 W. Broad St. in **Bethlehem**
 - Congressman Joe Sestak at 600 N. Jackson St. in **Media**
- **22 April 2010:** **Philadelphia** peace activists will be holding a noon "Earth Day for Peace!" rally at **Independence Mall** followed by a "Peace Walk" to Camden, New Jersey. The theme will be the struggle to abolish nuclear weapons. The Green Party and collaborating activists singled out PA Department of Environmental Protection regional offices in Norristown, **Wilkes-Barre**, **Pittsburgh**, **Williamsport**, **Meadville** and **Harrisburg** for Earth Day protests, as well.
- **24 April-2 May 2010:** Potential high-profile targets for anti-gun protest activity include **Pennsylvania gun shows** in the month of April:
 - **24-25 April 2010** in **Allentown**, at the Rodeway Inn

- **24-25 April 2010** in **Washington**, at the Washington County fairgrounds
- **30 April-2 May 2010** in **York**, at the York Fairgrounds.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

SECTORS: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES & EMERGENCY SERVICES

1. *Uniformed Disguises as a Terror Tactic*

At least two attacks perpetrated in April in the Philippines by *Abu Sayyaf*, a regional jihadist organization linked with Al-Qaeda, highlighted the use of security forces' uniforms by terrorists intending to mislead targeted victims and disrupt first response actions.

- 13 April 2010: Ten (10) people were killed in a coordinated attack by at least 25 jihadist militiamen in Isabela City on the island of Basilan (in the volatile Mindanao region). The attackers, wearing police uniforms, detonated a bomb outside a high school sports field (apparently a vehicular-borne, improvised, explosive device (VBIED) and another outside a church, and opened fire on civilians and soldiers in what became a three-hour gun battle. Another IED was subsequently identified and disposed of by authorities. Five (5) *Abu Sayyaf* terrorists were killed as well.
- 6 April 2010: A 72-year-old Swiss national, a long-time resident of the southern Philippines, was abducted from his home by a cell of suspected jihadists wearing police uniforms. They invaded the man's sea-side home and were able to spirit him away in a speedboat.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T//W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts note that the conflict in the southern Philippines is still volatile, with both Communist and jihadist cells operating there. Westerners should maintain high levels of situational awareness, particularly in the southern Philippines.

In addition to the regional-specific indicators, ITRR analysts reiterate the actionable analysis and guidance provided in PAIB nos. 70 and 72 regarding the use of police uniforms in terror attacks. This includes e.g., heightening situational awareness in the field, maintaining vigilance even in the office, monitoring the issuing and disposal of uniforms and equipment, maintaining good communications for accountability, and raising awareness of adversarial pre-operational surveillance and probing.

SECTORS: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES; HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

2. Suspected Animal Rights Terrorism Targets Research Facility

On 12 April 2010, a bomb was detonated outside a research center in Malmo, Sweden. There were no injuries, but windows were blown out by a single stick of dynamite.

Police are reportedly examining multiple avenues of investigation, while not ruling out the possibility that the facility was targeted due to animal testing performed at the Malmo Clinical Research Centre (CRC). However, open-source reports suggest police have a lead unrelated to animal rights activism, which generated from a telephone communication received shortly after the dynamite exploded.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

As noted, the nature of the aforementioned attack is not definitively linked to animal rights activism. However, ITRR analysts note that April has been designated as Animals in Laboratories Month by animal rights activists (see above, in the Actionable Date Reminder section). An action such as the Malmo bombing is well within the repertoire of radical animal rights terrorists, who have repeatedly targeted facilities performing testing such as that performed at the CRC.

Recent notable acts of animal rights terrorism centered on animal experimentation include:

- **1 April 2010:** The homes of three (3) researchers from the University of Utah (whose addresses were published in animal liberation online forums) were targeted by Animal Liberation Front (ALF) terrorists. The attackers vandalized cars, left firebombs in front of the targeted homes and vandalized their front doors.
- **4 March 2010:** A lead researcher at the Scripps Research Institute in California was targeted by ALF. The attackers reported that they "planted an incendiary device in the exhaust pipe of California Vivisectionist Howard Fox. Hopefully this action will help Mr. Fox decide to pursue a different career choice." Animal rights activists are planning to hold an anti-vivisection protest outside Scripps facilities on 24 April 2010.

In Pennsylvania, related recent animal rights terrorism - not linked to animal testing - included:

- **10 April 2010:** the locks of a downtown Pittsburgh fur shop were glued shut, and a fur and leather store on the South Side of Pittsburgh was similarly targeted. Also on 10 April, a Pittsburgh restaurant known for selling *foie gras* had both its locks glued shut and was vandalized with graffiti.

Animal rights militant forums have listed the following **Pennsylvania facilities** as targets for protests and other undefined actions:

- Bucknell University in Lewisburg
- Calvert Preclinical Services in Olyphant
- Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Covance Research Products in Denver
- Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster
- Lock Haven University
- MCP Hahnemann University in Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania State University
- Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia
- University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia
- University of Pittsburgh
- Wyeth Laboratories in Philadelphia

Also specifically cited by the animal liberationists was the Pittsburgh Zoo.

ITRR analysts recommend heightened situational awareness at laboratories, universities and other research facilities involved in animal testing, especially through early May 2010. Animal rights activism will continue to include both legal actions (such as public demonstrations and phone campaigns) and illegal actions (such as ideologically motivated vandalism and the type of terrorism already seen in attacks targeting researchers and animal testing facilities).

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
ENERGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
COMMUNICATIONS
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

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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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